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LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

Details of the Louisville Election Riots.

Great Slaughter of Americans and Foreigners.

TWENTY TO THIRTY PERSONS KILLED.

MANY HOUSES DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Several Persons Burned to Death.

Large Quantities of Powder in Possession of the Irish.

THE MILITARY CALLED OUT.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, Aug. 7—12 M.

In the First Ward, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, while the election was going quietly on, some disturbance arose at the polls. Mr. BURNS, an American, was knocked, stabbed and beaten until it was supposed he was dead, by a party of Irishmen. The assailants were immediately arrested and lodged in jail. In the afternoon, three Americans were fired upon while quietly passing a German Brewery, several squares from the polls. One gentleman, who was riding quietly along with his wife, was fired on at the same time, several squares below. A perfect shower of shot and bullets was raised from the windows of German houses, and many people were wounded. The foreigners seen in the whole vicinity were armed, and attempted the indiscriminate slaughter of Americans. An immense crowd of infuriated Americans assembled, and were fired at from the windows, when they burned the German Brewery and sacked several houses.

The most serious thing occurred in the Eighth Ward. About 9 P. M., as three Americans were quietly passing along Main-street, they were set on by an Irishman, and three shots were fired by the latter. One American, named KINNEY, was killed, and both the others wounded. The Irish then took refuge in a house on the corner of Clay-pell and Market streets, whence they fired and wounded several Americans, and killed two, named GRAHAM and HODSON. The firing from the houses was continued for half an hour, until the Americans procured arms and reinforcements, and broke open the house. They succeeded in capturing the murderer of GRAHAM, and immediately hung him. A pistol-ball was fired down while still living, but he died this morning.

In the meantime, there was a perfect fusillade from rifles and guns from a row of Irish houses on the corner of Eleventh and Main streets, on all passing Americans, several of whom were badly wounded. The whole row was filled with Irish, all armed. A crowd of Americans assembled, and drove the Irishmen from, fired one of the houses, and saw the ammunition, which also arrived with another and a cannon. Several Irishmen in the burning building were shot and others captured. Repeats were heard in the burning buildings, but no attempt was made to put out the fire, and two or three more were burned down. Several other fires also occurred last night.

On leaving the Eighth Ward, the infuriated mob assaulted in the Times office, which was only saved from demolition by the efforts of Mr. FERGUSON, and others of the American party.

This morning there were rumors of more disturbance, and large crowds were assembled in the streets. About 11 o'clock a mob started to the levee and attacked a row of Irish houses, whence it was reported shots were fired this morning. The crowd, however, were restrained, and every effort is being made to restore peace.

The accounts of the scene of the riot are most horrible. There were in all about twenty persons killed, besides a great many badly wounded.

Twelve buildings were burned, and several charred human bodies were taken from the ruins.

The mob finally dispersed last night, after burning the eighteen of the Times Office. There has been no issue of the Times this morning.

There is a large crowd at the Court House this morning, where the dead bodies are collected.

Three o'clock, P. M.—The city remains quiet. Fifty extra Police have been sworn in. Judge BULLOCK and others have made speeches at the Court-House to the mob, which has tended to calm the excitement.

It is rumored that two or three have been killed to-day.

Five o'clock, P. M.—Another outbreak is feared to-night, in consequence of a large quantity of gunpowder having been found in possession of the Irish in the Eighth Ward. Large numbers of Irish are leaving the city.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

LOUISVILLE, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

We have not been able to procure many additional particulars in regard to the commencement of the riot, &c. It was caused thus: in the First Ward, as two gentlemen were riding in a carriage, they were fired at from a house containing Germans or Irish. One gentleman was wounded, and the firing was repeated, when EDWARD WILLIAMS, watchman of the Second Ward, JOSEPH SALVAGE, and JOHN LATTA, Americans, went to the scene of the trouble, and they also were fired at. LATTA had his leg badly shattered by a musket ball, and SELVAGE and WILLIAMS were also wounded. Exaggerated reports then spread to the lower part of the city in regard to the affair, causing a large crowd to assemble thirsting for revenge. They gathered around the house from where the firing had commenced, took two Germans from it and beat them so badly that their recovery is considered very doubtful. The house was then completely sacked.

The crowd then proceeded to the houses on the corner of Shelby and Madison streets, from whence Germans had been seen firing, riddled two groceries, a beer house, and two houses, all owned and occupied by Germans, and injured severely several of their inmates.

They then went to Jefferson-street, where a party of gentlemen coming into the city had been fired upon from a large brewery, sacked the houses around it, burned the brewery, and beat a number of Germans—whom they captured—terribly, and shot one Irishman, who died this morning.

In the street below an American was slightly injured by a shot, when the Irishman who fired it was captured, beaten and shot.

Shots had been fired from all the houses which were attacked.

The crowd then talked of sacking the Catholic Church, where it was rumored firearms had been secreted, but Mayor HARNEY and others pleaded with them not to do so, and prevailed upon them to leave it alone.

The disturbances were now supposed to be over, as the crowd had marched to our Engine Houses in the Fifth Ward with their cannon, and were beginning to disperse, but after awhile it was learned that while the troubles had been going on in the upper part of the city, several persons had been fired on in the lower part of Main-street, and that at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon two Americans had been shot at from an Irish house on the corner of Main and Chapel streets, without the slightest provocation being given on their part as far as could be learned. This started the disturbances afresh. The Irishman who shot RHODES was then taken and immediately hung, but was cut down before life became extinct.

Thirty or more shots were fired from the Irish house on the corner of Main and Chapel streets, and it is impossible to ascertain the number that were wounded.

The inmates of a row of Irish houses, owned by a man named QUINN, fired on a party who were passing by, when they turned upon their assailants, burned their houses, and killed several, all of whom were Irishmen.

Some of the Irishmen in these houses were burned to death. A woman and QUINN are among those that were killed. Eight to ten houses were destroyed, and the number burned to death and killed is said to be from 15 to 20.

To-day the excitement was very great, and warlike movements were observable; but the crowd finally dispersed, and it is hoped peace has at last been obtained.

A large extra police force has been put on duty, and the Mayor has issued the usual proclamation.

Bishop SPAULDING published a card disclaiming any connection with the rioters, and calling upon his flock to be peaceable, orderly and quiet.

The city is now quiet, and it is thought there will be no more disturbances. The fighting was all at a distance from the polls.

No cause can be assigned for the assault. They originated in the first place with a few drunken men.

The keys of the Roman Catholic Cathedral have been placed in the hands of the Mayor by Bishop SPAULDING.

Two companies of armed volunteers are now marching to the Eighth Ward. It is feared there is going to be more disturbances.

The Massachusetts Know-Nothings.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The Committee of the Know-Nothing State Council, after a long session last night, and another this forenoon, have finally agreed upon their report.

The platform as to Native Americanism makes the important concession of allowing all Protestant foreigners who have been naturalized to become members of the organization. It also declares all foreigners, before being allowed to become citizens, should be Americanized, but fixes no period of naturalization. It also protests against the reception of foreign paupers and criminals. On the Slavery question, the restoration of the Missouri Compromise is demanded. The independence of the Judiciary is asserted, (having reference to the late Kane decision in Philadelphia,) and Slavery is declared sectional and Liberty national. To these principles the National Administration is declared hostile; and, therefore, all opposed to this Administration are called upon to elect delegates to a General Convention. In other words, a fusion is recommended. It is probable there will be some opposition to the admission of foreigners to the Association, as it is deemed a practical adoption of the Know-Nothing platform.

Yellow Fever in Virginia.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The yellow fever in Portsmouth is increasing and over half the inhabitants have now fled.

There were only two new cases at Norfolk yesterday, and the disease is confined to the infected district.

The wife of Capt. BENNON, of the U. S. N., is ill with the fever at Gosport.

All communication between Gosport and Norfolk has been cut off.

At Portsmouth, the passengers and mails are transferred from the Baltimore boats to the steamer *Star*, which takes them up the river.

Arrival of the Southern Mail—Texas News, &c.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

New-Orleans papers of Wednesday last are to hand, containing Galveston dates to the 28th of July.

Heavy rains in Western Texas had done considerable damage, and apprehensions were felt, if the storms continued, the Cotton crop would be injured and put back fully three weeks behind former seasons.

General SMITH had arrived at San Antonio with twenty loaded wagons. He reached there on the 19th ult., and was on his way to Kansas, under orders of Gen. HARNEY.

The Recent Steamboat Disaster on the Delaware.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The bodies of Mr. DOUGLASS, the Express Agent, and Messrs. RAMSEY and HUGHES, who were drowned in the *McDonald* collision were found this morning and taken into Chester. Two other bodies, one a colored man, were also found near Red Bank, N. J., this morning.

Kentucky Election.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Aug. 6.

It is conceded that L. M. COX, Know-Nothing, is elected to Congress in the Ninth District of Kentucky, over R. H. STANTON, Dem., by a good majority. The election in the towns opposite here passed off quietly, the results generally being favorable to the Know-Nothings.

CINCINNATI, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The Democrats concede the election of SWOPE, the K.N. candidate for Congress in the Tenth District, Kentucky, by over 500 majority.

North Carolina Election.

NORFOLK, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

R. T. PAINE, K. N., is elected to Congress from the First District of North Carolina by 300 majority.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Dispatches received here announce the defeat of Mr. CLINGMAN in the Eighth District, but this is considered doubtful.

Alabama Election.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Further returns from Alabama show the following Know-Nothing majorities: Dallas County, 310; Perry County, 450; Augusta County, 50; Russell County gives 300 Democratic majority.

LOUISVILLE, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The Anti-Know-Nothings in the City of Florence, Alabama, have 300 majority.

Tennessee Election.

LOUISVILLE, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

JOHNSON, Democrat, is elected Governor of Tennessee. His majority is supposed to be about 1,500.

Fall of a Cornice—Six Persons Killed and Scores Wounded.

CINCINNATI, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The cornice of the new building in process of erection for the Ohio Life and Trust Company, fell at 2 o'clock this afternoon, crushing to death six persons and injuring others, two so seriously that their recovery is despaired of. ROBERT CARMICHAEL, estate builder, W. S. CURTIS, superintendent of the building, were sitting beneath at the time, and JOHN S. CHEEVER and B. WELDSON passing by all well known, are among the killed.

Saratoga Burglars.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The suspected burglars were examined. KINGSBURY and HENDERSON were seen by the chamber-maid near General HALSEY's room. C. W. HARTSE, of the New-York Police, identifies HENDERSON and EVERY as old offenders.

Murderer to be Hung.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

JOHN WILSON, convicted of the murder of a fellow convict in the State Prison, is to be executed on the 5th of October next, the Governor and Council having refused to commute his sentence to imprisonment for life.

Editorial Changes.

BUFFALO, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

THURLOW WEED is about to retire from the editorship of the Albany *Evening Journal*, and SAMUEL WILKESON, of the Buffalo *Democracy*, takes his place. The *Democracy* is to be discontinued. [Query.]

Fire at Oswego.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Tuesday, Aug. 7.

A fire last night destroyed the distillery attached to the starch factory in this city. Loss about $8,000. The starch factory was uninjured.

The Liquor Dealers' State Convention.

SYRACUSE, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Delegates to the Liquor Dealers' State Convention are arriving fast, and the hotels are full already. The weather is quite cool.

Arrival of the Marion at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The United States Mail steamship *Marion* arrived here from New-York at 6 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning.

KANSAS AFFAIRS.

Character of the Country—Its Political Condition and Prospects—Gov. Reeder.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

A "returned emigrant" from Kansas, whose return, however, is only preliminary to a removal to that golden region, feeling a deep interest in the public questions which now centre there, begs leave to state to your readers some of the facts and opinions gathered on the ground.

Three several visits to Kansas, and a reasonably extensive travel in the Territory, have not only given me a fair knowledge of its peculiarities of climate and soil, but have also brought me in contact with all classes and parties, and enabled me to attain to a somewhat intimate knowledge of its politics. I have enjoyed the personal acquaintance of Gov. REEDER, as well as of many of the prominent fire-eaters who stand in antagonism to him; and as my own politics are moderate—being strongly Free-Soil, without much sympathy with radical Abolitionism on the one hand, or old Hunkerism on the other—I have had opportunities of discussion in a way calculated, I believe, to elicit truth.

First, As regards the country, I wish to add my testimony to that of such persons as have spoken of Kansas as destined to be the richest and most lovely State of our confederacy. I wish fully to *endorse all the enthusiasm which has been lavished* on her magnificent rolling prairies, and the inexhaustible fertility of her soil; and to add to the praises of her admirable climate, and the natural resources which make her more *easily settled* than any region which has yet been opened up for emigration. Her excellent building stone, which crop out in such a way as to waste the *least possible* amount of land—her abundant coal, which is found so near the surface as to provide a fuel cheaper than wood—her fine water, furnished by springs which sometimes burst forth from the hill-sides, but may always be found by moderate digging—these give the emigrant every facility for the easy and rapid preparation of a home where he can proceed at once to plow and plant, with the prospect of an abundant crop, which will command the most liberal price. And, so far from mining the constitutions of himself and family by ague and fever affliction, as is the case in so many portions of the West, he may rest assured that, if he only takes the precaution to use good water, he is in a region whose freedom from marshes and swamps of all kinds—whose perfect natural drainage, and *whose winds, constant and pure, coming direct* from the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Ocean—all guarantee a health which cannot, to say the least, be inferior to that enjoyed in any State in the Union.

But it is in regard to the politics of Kansas that I wish more particularly to speak. To those who are contemplating emigration to the West, as well as those who, remaining behind, are inspired with feelings of patriotism and love of justice—the last year's history of Kansas presents many features which alarm, puzzle and perplex. At so great a distance from the scene of action, and hearing contradictory statements, purporting to be facts, the citizens of the older States scarcely know how much to believe of the strange tales that have reached their ears, or how far to credit the accounts which go to prove the citizens of Missouri to be ruffians, and foes and traitors to the Republic, rather than fellow citizens united to them by the bonds of a common fraternity.

It might accelerate the emigration movement to gloss over the actual outrages which have occurred, and assure those hesitating between Kansas and Iowa, that a residence in the former is attended with no semblance of inconvenience or danger. But it is not by such means that this beautiful Territory is to be rescued from the grasp which Slavery is now endeavoring to close upon her. Let those who emigrate, go, knowing the facts; let the cowards, whom a knowledge of these facts will deter, stay at home or turn their fearful steps elsewhere. It is *true* that the Delegate sent to Congress last Fall, was elected by the grossest fraud; that the same game was still more boldly played last Spring, in the election of the Legislative Assembly. Organized bands of Missourians, armed to the teeth, and provisioned for the expedition, poured into every Free Soil precinct—a large majority of the whole—and, fortified by liquor, and insolent from excess of numbers, turned out the election judges, substituted others, dispensed with the oath of residence, and, casting ballots *prepared in Missouri*, elected *from their own number* the men who are to-day enacting the laws which they intend for the governing of Kansas. In such of the districts as had the presence of mind to protest against these proceedings, new elections were held, at which, generally Free State members were chosen; but the fraudulent Legislature, insolent from success and numerical strength, refused these legally elected members the privilege of contesting the seats they should have held.

It is also true, that Gov. REEDER, an original friend of the Nebraska bill, went to Kansas determined to do his duty as a man. The Missouri cabal, headed by ATCHISON, immediately attempted to coerce him into their violent measures. A man of rare nobleness and independence of mind, Gov. REEDER refused to become a party to the fraud; and from that time, discovering that he was not of their kind, commenced the fierce crusade against him of the Atchinsonians,—a warfare like that of a troop of jackals upon a lion. No insult they dared offer him has been too gross—no calumny too monstrous to utter—no threat too barbarous to make. Amidst all he has stood firm. As first he supposed himself sustained at Washington—but since recent events have showed that the Administration is the purchased property of Pro-Slavery Nullification, he still breasted the storm, strong in his own consciousness, and resolved, Roman-like, to die at his post with dignity, and abating no jot of the high courage which had heretofore kept the clamorous barbarians partially in check. And the people of this country will yet learn to know him, instead of the paltry speculator his enemies would represent, as one of the few public men with which nations are ever gifted, who are always equal to the emergencies of the hour, and whom no threats and no bribes can awe or seduce into swerving from the path of duty, or betraying the interest confided to their care. Strange if, on completing this discovery, they do not insist on inventing him with honors and powers more august and weighty than any he has yet enjoyed.

But the *people of Kansas*—what is *their* verdict on this momentous question? The opinions I have just expressed are theirs; were it not for their strong faith in a new Congress, a new Administration and the prompt succor of their brethren at the East, they would regard the removal of Gov. REEDER as the pronouncing of their own doom. Were the question of Governorship left to the real citizens of Kansas, A. H. REEDER would to-day be their choice by a two-thirds vote.

Such being the facts, it is idle to expect from the people of Kansas any recognition of the validity of those laws—many of them oppressive in the extreme—now being framed by the fictitious Legislature holding its session at Johnson's Mission. They know that body to be alien to the soil of Kansas—to be traitors to the Constitution and would be enslaved of themselves. The emigrants to that Territory I believe to be worthy of it, and of the responsible post they are called to defend. They will not obey the laws framed for them by ATCHISON's mesiads. Nor do I think that a conflict will result. Even ATCHISON's league will not be able to march into Kansas an army every time a debt is to be collected or a tax levied. And without such an army, recollect that the Free-Soilers are in the majority.

Hence, I say to those proposing to emigrate, if you have courage and patriotism, go to Kansas. You may meet with things disagreeable, but I do not apprehend personal danger. The Missourians are bullies and cowards. If you are prudent and attend to your own business, the prospect is that you will experience no real danger. And there, to reward you for this extra risk and annoyance, such as it is, you will have made as easy home in a country for beauty, fertility and health unequaled; and will have the proud satisfaction of forming one of that advance guard of Freedom whose message and fidelity shall oppose to the force of the Pro-Slavery effort an immovable barrier, till such time as the nation shall rally, and cleanse its banner from the foul stain which misrule has imprinted.

KANSAS.

THE PROHIBITORY LAW.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Before the Recorder and Aldermen.

The People, by the District Attorney, vs. James Wallace.—This case being the first arrest under the "Act for the prevention of intemperance, pauperism and crime," for the sale of domestic liquor, being the complaint of the New-York City Temperance Alliance, on oath of Tuthman Allaire, was called up yesterday. Considerable excitement was manifested as to the process and progress of trial, and the Court room was pretty nigh filled with spectators, among whom we noticed several prominent advocates of the Temperance movement. The affidavit sets forth the same facts in nearly the same words.

The case was called up by Mr. D. B. Taylor for defendant, who desired a postponement of the hearing.

Mr. Tomlinson, on the same side, said: Having heard that this case would be brought up to-day, I have come fully prepared at this time to take up the argument as to its merits, and seeing the manifestation of public interest as to the decision of the question, I had proposed to admit before your Honor the sale of domestic liquor for the purpose of bringing out the law to test it as to its constitutionality, but other counsels have prevailed and it is deemed advisable to resist the encroachments of those men forming an alliance, step by step, and in every shape, as they seem to have an idea of following these complaints by others of a similar nature. For that reason I should pray that your Honor would grant us a postponement so that my purpose may be fully carried out and that the questions arising may be argued at length. I propose, if we adjourn, that we can to some time in September, by which time the parties in interest may meet again to decide in their meetings as to the proper course to be pursued. This is the more necessary, as this case seems to be a contest between the Carson League or the Temperance Alliance, and the Liquor-dealers' Association.

The Judge—You simply ask for an adjournment.

Mr. Taylor—Mr. Wallace is here, and he is willing to defer this hearing to any date you may desire.

The Judge—In all cases of misdemeanor I propose to take up the cases according to the ordinary order. It is usual to make order as to how cases shall be tried; and therefore if it is proposed to make argument in this Court, it would be better to decide it now. If you want a Jury trial you must take it to the General Sessions.

Mr. Tomlinson—My desire is, that it should be heard before your Honor.

The Judge—The act in violation of which this case comes, provides for a trial by Jury in the Court specially designated with that view by the act itself. This defendant cannot claim a Jury trial in this Court; but if he elects to be tried by a Jury, it must be carried to the General Sessions. I am quite willing that this case should be so carried up. I submit whether you should not fully determine upon the course you should pursue.

Mr. Tomlinson—Would it be feasible to let the case stand over to Tuesday, for us then to decide upon some definite course?

The Judge—I merely suggest what I have said, I make no order.

Mr. Tomlinson—We could by Tuesday determine what course we should take.

Mr. E. S. Capron—I am here to represent Mr. Warren in this case. It is his desire to have this case disposed of as soon as possible. At the proper stage of the proceedings, we shall raise an objection as to the right of defendant to take the cause to another Court for trial. We think he can't say anything in the General Sessions at this time, that his right of choice existed only before the committing Magistrate. The statute gives him the right to make an election as to where he will be tried, whether he will avail himself of the provision of the Constitution, and submit the question of his guilt or innocence to the Grand Jury, or whether he will waive that right. That statute gives him one right to make an election, and when he has made that election, he has exercised all his rights under that statute. I, however, do not care to go into that question now. The complainant desires to dispose of the question of once, we do not want it put off to September.

The Judge—It is proposed to go over till Tuesday so as to decide as to the course to be taken.

Mr. Taylor—The Counsel for the prosecution seems to rest upon the supposition that the defendant has decided this case to go on without a jury by election. That is an error; it is true that he did elect to come here, but he thought that he could have a jury trial here.

The Judge—I do not feel willing to go on alone to try this case in detriment to the choice of the defendant. If he has even altered his mind, I would not assume the responsibility of a case of this character and interest, so that if on Tuesday next he should choose to take it before the General Sessions, I should interpose no objection.

Mr. Capron—Will the Court hold that point in abeyance. I very much doubt as to the power of the Court to allow any such change after election.

Adjourned to Tuesday next.

THE TOMBS.

SCALY.

William Skelley, of No. 25 North Moore-street, drank liquor but did not get it anywhere.

BUFFALO BILL.

Catherine Caffrey, of No. 90 Rose-street, drank liquor; bought the first potion at "Buffalo Bill's," in Church-street.

A PARTY OF DON'T KNOWS.

James McGuire don't know where his liquor came from; Catherine Jaffers made a like answer; Thomas Great replied in the manner; John Rock in the same per dogmeni; John Lynch, also—his memory is defective.

SIX WEEKS AFTER DATE.

Bridget Dowd was sure she had not tasted liquor, as imputed to her; had not had any for at least six weeks; another have been drunk, as the officer must have worked off by this time.

THINKS HE WAS THERE.

James Boland was drunk, he believes; at least, was a "little over the bay;" got the liquor at the house of a friend in Madison-street.

WHERE WAS IT?

Michael Haley got liquor somewhere in Rosevelt-street; the precise location unknown.

WATERY.

John McAllister drank a little which he bought at No. 378 Water-street.

IN DOUBT.

Julia Eugene drank, but when or where she does not know. Susan Bauer replies to the same terms.

BURNING AROUND.

Mary Brown got drunk, was "burning around" generally, and cannot locate any one resort of the day.

" so so.

William Cunningham was "so so;" got his liquor in New-Jersey.

CAN'T BE MADE TO SWEAR.

William Kelly won't swear at all, everybody, white or black, knows the same book, and he does not agree with any such species of tomfoolery and amalgamation; get a new book, and then he won't swear on principle.

PIG.

Margaret Webster got liquor on the corner of Cross and Pearl streets.

HERE'S THE.

William Gillman and Robert Clifford not yet prepared to make explanations. Committed for examination.

TOOK A LITTLE.

Samuel Brown drank a little, his first offence; it was only a very little; discharged with a reprimand.

BOWERY MARKET.

QUERY.

Alexander McNeal, Hudson-avenue, Brooklyn, drank brandy; don't know where, but he got it at different places.

AWFUL WATERY.

Wm. O'Brien lives at no place in particular; got his liquor in a good many places—drank brandy and beer.

TWO GLASSES.

Mary Baker drank brandy, (two glasses); got it in a store; don't know what store it was.

HERE.

Henry Seekhen, No. 257 Avenue C, drank beer in Louis Aldinger's, Avenue O; drank two or three glasses and paid for it.

MIXTURE.

Thomas Finnin, drank a glass of beer and a glass of brandy; don't know where he got it; drank in different places.

CHERRY-RIPE.

Mary Miller, No. 213 Cherry-street, drank brandy; got the first glass drank at the corner of Cherry and Pearl streets; don't know where she got the balance.

DON'T KNOW.

John Smith, No. 207 Third-street, purchased beer on the corner of Fifth-street and Avenue B, don't know the man's name, did not drink any place else.

GOT DRUNK SOMEWHERE.

Dennis Lohey, No. 27 Jackson-street, drank brandy in Third-avenue and then drank some beer at a friend's house; don't know where he got drunk after that.

TOOK IT HERE.

Catharine Mack, Columbia-street, Brooklyn, don't know where she got her liquor, drank brandy and gin mixed. It was in a store.

USES OF A SERVANT GIRL.

Catharine McGuire, No. 100 Elizabeth-street, drank brandy on the corner of Broome and Elizabeth-street; sent a girl out for it, then went to see the Bishop's girls.

ROUND ABOUT.

Patrick Farley, Second-avenue between Thirty-second and Thirty-third-streets, purchased a glass of brandy on the corner of Thirty-third-street and Second-avenue, also drank at the Kings County Hotel, Williamsburg, at Peck Slip, and at the corner of Third-avenue and Thirty-second street.

JEFFERSON MARKET.

David Hines, of No. 64 Varick-street, purchased some liquor in Sullivan-street, does not remember the exact place nor any other location.

George Rosekranz, of New-Prospect, N. J., got pretty well tackled in Jersey City; don't remember whether or not he drank any in New-York, nor can he remember how he got to the City.

Alexander Hay, of No. 43 Chertien-street, got beer in the same street, and there only that he knows of.

NOT READY.

John Bradley, found in Thirteenth-street; Daniel Mayne, in East Seventeenth-street; John and Patrick Cragin, in Twenty-second-street; Mary Collins and Maria Mahoney, in Hamilton-street; James Donohue and John McFarlan, in Thirty-fifth-street, and Thomas McNulty, in Fourteenth-street, were called for game to make intelligible replies at this time, and were committed for examination.

LATER FROM THE RIO GRANDE.

The Revolution in Northern Mexico.

Special Correspondence of the New-Orleans Picayune.

BROWNSVILLE, Monday, July 16, 1855.

Since I last wrote to you, at Corpus Christi, you will have learned of the evacuation of Camargo by the Government troops, who fell back on Reynosa which they commenced fortifying, with the intention of making a stand there. The citizens of Camargo held a meeting and pronounced against the Government of SANTA ANNA, whom they denounced as a tyrant and traitor. They also nominated General CARVAJAL as the commander of the forces of Tamaulipas. Shortly afterwards VIDAURI marched from Monterey at the head of about 1,200 of the finest cavalry in Mexico. He was joined by JUAN GUARA, of Camargo, and his force gradually swelled on the route to near 3,000 men, with nine pieces of light artillery. At Cerralvo, VIDAURI issued a proclamation denouncing SANTA ANNA and his Cabinet as traitors, and sentencing them to death whenever found. He also prohibits all persons from aiding or assisting the troops of the Government in any manner, under the same penalty. The concluding section of the proclamation states that the severity of these penalties will be mitigated as soon as his opponents show him the example. General WOLL having positively stated that he would hang every one connected with the revolutionary party who might fall into his hands.

On reaching Camargo, VIDAURI united his forces with the men of Tamaulipas, and his force set out to remove CARVAJAL from the command and appoint Gen. GARZA in his place. This caused great dissatisfaction, as CARVAJAL had by his own exertions raised the men from Mier, Puerrero, Camargo, and other points in Tamaulipas, and was the only man in the State who possessed the requisite military knowledge to command them. GARZA is a lawyer, and though brave enough, makes no pretensions to be a soldier, and did not want the position. CARVAJAL informed VIDAURI that he had the success of the revolution too much at heart to risk its failure by disputing his order; but that he should await the decision of the people of Tamaulipas, who were the only proper judges in this matter. He therefore retired from the army, but advised his friends to remain until the decision of the people was ascertained. This most of them did, only a few of his immediate adherents leaving with him. Still this has had a bad effect, many leading Mexicans here and elsewhere refusing to join the movement.

The revolutionists have, therefore, no military leader of talent, whatever. JAUREGUI, who was relied on to act in that capacity, having died of fever a few days before VIDAURI left Monterey. GARZA, as I stated in a previous letter, is a good guerilla chieftain and Indian fighter, but possesses no military knowledge, while VIDAURI, GARZA, &c., are merely civilians. In the meantime, WOLL is actively engaged in fortifying Reynosa, into which place he has thrown himself with the largest portion of the garrison of Matamoros, say 1,600 men. Yesterday and the day before, bodies of soldiers were seen to leave Matamoros in the direction of Reynosa, and it is estimated that not more than 200 now remain in garrison in the former place. So fearful the revolutionists hold WOLL at Reynosa, they will have an easy victory at Matamoros. But there's the rub, as Reynosa is a very strong position and WOLL is fighting for his life, the revolutionists having announced their intention of swinging him from the first tree if they catch him. Col. CAZERO is left in command of the troops at Matamoros, though a chief *amo* of WOLL's, named LUCINDA, is said to be the real commander.

CARVAJAL, NORTON, ROBERTSON, and several others who were indicted in '51 for filibustering operations on this frontier, were dismissed at the last term of the U. S. District Court on the motion of the District Attorney. They left here on Saturday in the steamer *Rancharo* for Rio Grande City, and accompanying them were a number of gentlemen from your city, who have probably gone up to look on and perhaps take a part if invited. Among others was Lieut. DUNCAN, formerly of the U. S. Army, said to be a fine military officer, who intends to offer his services to the revolutionists, who will doubtless gladly receive them.

It is reported here that some eighteen or twenty men have deserted from Ringgold Barracks and joined VIDAURI. They all belonged to the artillery, and by their aid Lieut. DUNCAN will be enabled to organize a respectable corps of artillerists. Exciting news from Reynosa is hourly expected, and many well informed Mexicans do not hesitate to say that WOLL's position is decidedly the best, the revolutionists having the leader, although superior in numbers. Q. Q.

P. S.—Since writing the above, intelligence has been received here which appears to be authentic, that the revolutionists have fallen back towards Monterey, in hot haste, in consequence of news from that city of the advance of a large body of Government troops from San Luis Potosi. It is said that three hundred men have been left at Camargo to watch WOLL, and report his movements, and that the latter was preparing to leave Reynosa and retake Camargo. The steamer will be down in a day or two, when I shall learn the truth of the matter, but the report appears to be generally believed here.

A schooner arrived off the mouth of the river from Vera Cruz last evening, and among the passengers was a Mexican officer, who reports that a reinforcement of fifteen hundred men was to leave Vera Cruz in a few days for this frontier, to which the knowing ones add, if SANTA ANNA has them to spare. Money has been received in considerable amount, but no fat note a man has arrived. News of the contested success of ALVAREZ and his officers have been received here, but of course you have later news from the interior than we can possibly have.

BROWNSVILLE, Saturday, July 21, 1855.

The steamer *Rancharo* came down the river last evening, bringing intelligence confirming the account of

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SLAVERY AND THE CHURCH.

[illegible] Church as Slavery, as [illegible] United States, will [illegible] be treated by the Church, [illegible] Christian people of this country [illegible] which are clear and satisfactory [illegible] mind. And considering that I have enjoyed very favorable opportunities of [illegible] continued observation and study of the question, both of the controversy which has [illegible] to the solution of the [illegible] *How should the Church of Christ regard the institution of Slavery, as it is found to exist in these United States?*

In answering this question, we must be guided by the New Testament, so far as it throws light upon it; then by the history of the question, in the treatment of it by the Church, from the times of the Apostles through succeeding centuries; and, finally, by the actual conditions as at present existing. Reading the New Testament as a [illegible] concerning Slavery, it has [illegible] to us, without doubt, [illegible] of the relation of Master and Slave as it then existed in the world, and that some of [illegible] belonged to the Church, [illegible] both of them be[illegible] Master and Slave.

[illegible] passages are further and clear[illegible] by the history of the Church and the [illegible] after. We should do [illegible] rules of investigation, as well as [illegible] common sense, to reject this concurrent historical testimony to the existence of Slavery in the State, and its connection with the Church by the admission of masters and slaves into her communion, upon their confession and profession of faith. Guided, then, by the record of the New Testament, [illegible] contemporaneous profane history, and the subsequent profane and ecclesiastical history, we reach the conclusion that the relation of master and slave was tolerated in the Church during the times of the Apostles, and during several centuries following. Of course the mere existence of this relation was not a bar to Church communion.

[illegible] arises immediately arises, *How should the Church recognize the existence of Slavery when she admits to her communion?* Guided by the testimony referred to above, and further aided by the nature of the case, we answer,

First.—There is not a single passage in the New Testament, nor a single act in the history of the early church, expressive of approbation of Slavery, nor is there any direct or indirect condemnation of it. But the Church found it existing, as a fact in the State, and in her progress among the people; the masters and the slaves were sometimes converted and came into the bosom of the Church, and she subjected themselves to her teaching and discipline.

Slavery addressed herself to the parties, [illegible] through the relation of master and slave, [illegible] their minds [illegible] doctrines of natural equality, and [illegible] brotherhood among men; and of their common participation in the redemption by Jesus Christ, through Lord Jesus Christ; confirming these instructions, exhibiting Christian experience, and [illegible] would work out a practical [illegible] of Liberty among men. She had to wait for centuries, but she realized her anticipations at last.

Second.—The Church not only did not express her approbation of Slavery, but she indicated her disapprobation, whenever she found occasion to intimate her judgment at all. [illegible] this indirect disapprobation is conveyed throughout the New Testament; and it is observable in various acts of the Church from the times of the Apostles, downwards through several centuries, which acts are invariably connected with the discipline of the Church touching the duties of masters and slaves. As such, is this conduct of the Church we find she admits the existence of Slavery without justifying or defending it; and assumes the right to require of the parties the proper observance of the duties which arise out of the relations between themselves, and between them and the Church. And in this regulation she saw clearly that the ultimate result would be the abolition of Slavery, and she indicated her expectation by her frequent indirect disapprobation of it.

Thirdly.—Without assuming to determine the question, whether the relation of master and slave ought ever to have existed, the Church found Slavery incorporated with society, as we have said, she laid down principles which, when carried into practice, in the course of experience among the masters composing the State, would necessarily work its abolition. In accomplishing this great result, the operation of these general principles would show the master that he had no natural or divine right to hold a human being in bondage; but that his right, whatever it might be, was acquired, and founded only in conventional circumstances which gave him a vast superiority over the persons he held in bondage. And while the fundamental principles of the Gospel, such in particular as the natural equality of men, and their common and equal relation to the redemption by Jesus Christ, wrought as above described on the minds of the governing class, the masters, they would not only enlighten the slave as to his natural rights, but *qualify him gradually for the enjoyment of them.* And it is to be noted particularly that this qualification of the subject for the enjoyment of freedom is as legitimate and essential a condition of the abolition of Slavery, as is the conviction of the governing class that they have no natural or divine right to hold their fellow men in bondage. The enslaved must be reasonably prepared for freedom, and the masters must be convinced, to great a to them when prepared, then did the Church proceed to accomplish the essential conditions of the abolition of Slavery? We answer—

Fourthly.—She held the contract of the master and slave, in other of the relations between these parties, and their common relations to the Church, to be a proper subject of discipline; and hence she prescribed duties to each, and enforced obedience; and the prescribed both parties to render the appropriate duties, which the general principles of the Gospel, when brought into general experience, would necessarily work out. In prescribing the duties and administering the discipline, the Church necessarily had to recur to the fundamental principles, and to have respect to the conditions of the parties; and thus she enforced the application of the general principles of the Gospel, as the condition and circumstances of the masters and the slaves allowed, until emancipation was attained.

I believe I have given above the true statement of the conditions and the [illegible] of Slavery in the Christian Church, commencing with the Apostles and extending to the extinction of Slavery proper in Europe, centuries afterwards. I have not given from the New Testament, nor from history, the passages which support the general parts of the statement, because I assume that they are well known to the readers for whom this statement is particularly made. I have drawn it up with a view to see whether it will not afford a solution of the Slavery question, as it exists at present in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Let us see, then, in what respects the question in the Methodist Episcopal Church is similar in its conditions to the question in the Church in the first and succeeding centuries, and thus judge whether we should treat it now as it was treated then.

1. When the Apostolic Churches arose they found Slavery existing in the State; so, also, when the Methodist Episcopal Church sprang up in the midst of the people, she found Slavery existing in the State.

2. In the progress of the Apostolic Churches, masters and slaves were converted and came into her bosom. In like manner, masters and slaves were converted and came into the bosom of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. That neither the Apostolic churches nor the Methodist Episcopal Church, made the mere relation of master and slave a bar to church membership.

4. In coming into the communion of the Apostolic churches, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the records of both show that these churches claimed and exercised the right to enforce upon masters and slaves, as such, their duties respectively, considered as between themselves and between them and the church.

5. In the discipline to which the masters and slaves were subjected by these churches, it was clearly manifested that they disapproved of Slavery as a condition of society and of the individual, and sought its extinction.

Here our comparison of the early Christian churches and the Methodist Episcopal Church, in reference to the Slavery question, ceases; and it remains to inquire, What more can the Methodist Episcopal Church do towards accomplishing the extirpation of Slavery? We answer:

First—Instead of separating all slaveholders from the church, let her retain her authority over them, and enforce the duties which grow out of the relation of the Christian master to his dependent slave, and out of the relations of both to the church. The maintenance of the relation between the slaveholder and the church upon these conditions, and with these ends in view, will not give sanction to Slavery; but will afford an opportunity to the church to exercise her influence and authority in preparing the minds and the hearts of the masters to grant freedom to their slaves, and in preparing the slaves, by improving their mental and moral condition, to receive and enjoy freedom. And it is to be noted, that separating slaveholders from the church does not work the emancipation of their slaves, nor improve their condition; but positively the reverse. A very grave question, therefore, arises here, viz.: Is the church at liberty to do an act which will remove the master and the slave alike from under her influence and control, since there is not, as we have shown, in the history of the question, in the simple fact of the relation of master and slave, a necessary bar to church communion? Would the church, then, discharge her duty, in view of this grave question, by renouncing her authority over the slaveholder, or compelling the slaveholder to throw off her authority, or to grant emancipation to the slaves before they were prepared for liberty? We think not. She is charged with a commission in respect to the Slavery question, and she must execute it wisely and patiently, yet surely. This brings us to consider,

Secondly—How shall she execute this commission? We have already indicated the answer, viz.: *She must enforce on Christian masters the duties which grow out of the relation of the masters to the slaves, as required by the Christian religion.* This policy will not only gradually work the extinction of Slavery, but it is the only practicable manner by which this can be peaceably done; *as it is the only one by which the parties can be mutually prepared for the result.* If the masters were deprived of their slaves without their consent, either as individuals or as a State, it would be by violence which implies civil war; if the slaves were emancipated without a preparation for freedom, they would become a prey to the designing, or to civil strife among themselves. A preparatory process is, therefore, absolutely necessary to the abolition of Slavery; *and this preparatory process must be accomplished, in its moral and religious aspects, by the Church.*

What the details of her discipline should be we may not now express exactly; but to indicate its bearing and its effects, we will name several measures, which the Church should enforce instantly.

1. She should recognize marriage among slaves, or where a slave is a party, as existing by the laws of God, and indissoluble by any act of man or of the State contrary to the ordinances of God in relation thereto. Upon this she should found her discipline in the case, and hold every member of the Church responsible under suitable penalties, who should willingly and without absolute compulsion by the State, do any act, or cause or allow any act to be done knowingly or willingly, by which the husband and wife should be separated; or who should unreasonably, under the conditions of the case, restrain or embarrass the lawful enjoyment and duties of husband and wife where one or both were in bondage!

2. In like manner the Church should recognize the relation of parents and children, and should subject to discipline any member of the Church who should willingly and without absolute compulsion by the State, do any act, or cause or allow any act to be done knowingly or willingly, by which infant children should be separated from their parent or parents.

3. Although the State discharges the master from the duty of instructing his dependent slave in the principles and duties of the Christian religion, the Church cannot discharge him; and as his relation as master puts him, to a very great extent, into the place of *parent* to his dependent slaves, the Church should require the master to instruct his slaves, or cause them to be instructed in religion, in as perfect a manner, and to as great an extent as is practicable under the conditions of the case. For a neglect of this duty the Church has a right to prescribe and execute suitable penalties.

4. As the authority of the master takes away, to a very great extent, the voluntary action of the slave in providing for his own [illegible], and those of his children, the Church is competent to require of the master [illegible] reasonable provision for the wants of his slaves who are dependent on him for food, and prescribe suitable penalties for neglect in this respect.

5. In case of any sale or purchase of a slave by a member of the Church, the transaction should be inquired into by the authorities of the Church; and if it shall be found not to have been to the advantage of the slave, or that his condition has been made worse, it should be held to be a proper subject of discipline and treated accordingly.

I have indicated five particulars which should enter into the discipline of the Church with regard to Slavery within her bosom. The justice of the views and of the discipline which I have given above, I believe, would be admitted as cordially among us in the South, as it ought to be admitted in the North. The remaining question is, *what would be the effect of the application of such discipline upon the question of Slavery in the Church?*

1. So far as these views and this discipline were accepted and applied—and this would be to the extent of their adoption—they would limit the authority of the master over the slave, and thus commence at once to set aside his almost absolute power as granted by the State, and this would be done under the sanction of religion, whose rightful authority would gradually yet surely prevail over the Constitutional authority of the State.

2. By this discipline, forbidding the separation of husband and wife, and of infants and parents, the internal slave-trade would be broken up to the extent of the application of the views and discipline above; and should this policy become general in the churches, as it probably would, it would soon become the policy of the State, and thus the internal slave-trade would cease.

3. Without the internal slave-trade, Slavery could not exist in several States more than a generation or two, and would gradually become extinct in all the States.

4. The recognition of the relations between slaves—of husband and wife, and parents and children—under the sanction of Religion and the Church, would instantly qualify the feelings and the conduct of Christian masters towards their slaves, and dispose them to more elevated and just treatment of them.

5. This recognition of these endearing relations, would inspire the slaves themselves with self-respect, and put them on a course of moral preparation for liberty.

6. Their religious instruction and good condition would still further prepare them for freedom.

Thus we see the proper relation and duties of the Church in reference to this fearful question of Slavery. She is not only to have respect to the ultimate extinction of Slavery in these United States, but she is to use her divine authority to prepare the master and the slave for this great event, so that it may be to the permanent advantage of both. And we are persuaded that the churches of this country are appointed by God to take a larger part in the measures which shall lead to the peaceful abolition of Slavery.

In what way the churches should act is pointed out above. But as there is no common authority to the churches in the United States, each must act for itself, and by its example suggest action to the others. If the Methodist Episcopal Church shall judge that the conditions of the Slavery question in her communion call for further action, we respectfully commend what is written above to her candid consideration.

J. P. DURBIN.

AGRICULTURAL.

The Good Time Coming—Come.

We took a stroll around the markets yesterday, to look at the heaps on heaps of eatables reported to be so cheap—and sure enough they were cheap. Potatoes, large, nice and fair, "at your own price." We are told that a number of loads from Long Island were seen going homeward, for want of a buyer at any price. Let Paddy and Mickey and Morris improve the time *now*, for we hear distant groanings of the "rot" approaching. Peaches at five and six shilling a basket, stand in long files, or in solid platoons, waiting all day for a signal to be marched off. But they are *sure*-ripes, fallen from their high estate too soon, just as we learn that one-fourth or more of this crop has already fallen. Those who had dreamed of peaches, large and luscious, five for a penny, must lower their expectations by one-half, if reports from New-Jersey be true.

Tomatoes are upon us like an avalanche; those who paid four to eight dollars a basket not long since, can supply themselves with a better quality, at five to six shillings a *bushel* now.

Apples are scarce—sixteen to twenty shillings a barrel; but who cares? They are *sour gr*—apples, not fit to eat, and no mistake.

A Plea for Horses.

We have a word to offer to our farming friends who employ horses as their chief draught animals. The horse of all animals is one of the most sensitive to sudden changes of temperature, and to impure air or want of cleanliness. We speak from observation, when we say that not half the stables in the country are, at this season, kept in a fit condition to be occupied by horses, even while put in but an hour for the noon feeding.

The droppings of horses, both liquid and solid, are among the most quickly fermenting, easily decomposed manures. In warm weather the work of decay commences immediately, and in a very few days one-half or more of the weight goes off in a gaseous form. This keeps the air constantly loaded with noxious, unhealthy matters, which are just as deleterious to the health and vigor of horses as to those of man. During the busy season of harvest and seeding, cleaning stables is scarcely ever attended to regularly. The animals generally occupy them a short time in the morning, at noon, and perhaps in the evening for graining, but the stables lie untouched for days or weeks,—we have seen them tie thus for months. The horse is tied up for an hour's feeding and rest in the heat of the day, but instead of standing in a cool, sweet, well-ventilated stable, ten chances to one, he stands sweating and panting, with scarcely a breath of air which is not literally loaded with the fumes of his own decaying excrements, and he goes forth tired and debilitated instead of refreshed, to undergo the severe toils of drawing the plow during the sultry hours of the afternoon.

The remedy for this is very simple. If the stalls do not have a free circulation of air, let a board or two be knocked off in front, or on the sides at the head of the stalls; they can be easily replaced when cold weather comes on. Let some such plan be adopted, and in every case let the stables be made as cool and airy as possible.

Let all excrements, however small in quantity, be removed at least once a day, and by all means keep the floor well sprinkled with some deodorizing material. A weak solution of sulphuric or muriatic acid is excellent for this purpose; but these are often inconvenient and troublesome, even if readily obtained. Plaster of Paris (Gypsum or sulphate of lime) is very good; common salt is also good. Each of these substances increases the value of the manure more than its cost. Dry sawdust and muck are also very valuable for the same purpose.

We have frequently allowed lime and other manures to be wasted for want of a proper place to put them. Muck, or any other decomposable vegetable matter, and gently distilled lye, is valuable for applying to crops, and they should never be wasted while with muck, or with long manure which is to be immediately ploughed in, on the soil. These may seem trifling considerations, but they are really of great importance.

As before stated, horses take cold very easily. On this account they should never be turned from a warm stall, where they have perspired for an hour, directly into a wet, damp pasture. A horse should never be compelled to lie down over night in a wet, unsheltered pasture. Let them always have a dry plot, or, what is better, a shed or stable to retire to when they have completed their evening grazing, especially if there be heavy dews, fogs or rain. A horse will never lie in an open field when a sheltered spot is accessible. Every one must have observed that they always seek the driest spot to be found, and generally lie near a fence, shed or tree.

Governor Reeder at Home—The President's Offer of a Mission to China.

EASTON, PA., Sunday Aug. 5, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The many citizens of Easton, who daily read the TIMES, have been well pleased at the able and fearless course which, for the last week, it has taken for itself on the subject of Governor REEDER's removal.

It was to be expected that we here should take a very great interest in anything which so nearly concerns the fortunes of our beloved and now distinguished townsman.

Governor REEDER has for the last twenty years been regarded by this whole community as one of her worthiest sons, irreproachable, incorruptible, eloquent and learned.

In the enjoyment of a lucrative practice, arrived at an age when, content with professional gains, he might reasonably expect some decided political mark of his Democratic friends' preference; popular and beloved,—it is to be wondered at as much as regretted, that he was ever persuaded to connect himself with the destinies of unfortunate Kansas.

'Tis a historical fact, which must be kept before the people, that only upon long reflection and conference with his friends, and upon the earnest solicitation of the President, was he induced to accept the office.

The rest is known—and each morning breeze now wafts to every point of the globe, that because he fearlessly, honestly, nobly did his duty, and refused to be made an easy tool by the fanatical propagandists of Slavery, he is branded as an Abolitionist, and lastly by the Administration charged with illegal land speculations.

To those who know the man, 'tis unnecessary to refute such silly and unfounded libels.

But can any one believe that the President was guided by any such motives, when they learn that after he was in possession of all the facts concerning those half-breed contracts, he proposed to Governor REEDER the Commissionership to China if he would resign, which being promptly declined, even a higher and more desirable office was mentioned.

We speak from authority, when we say that after two days' consideration and counsel with his friends, he offered to accept this latter proposition under an agreement that the President, through his Secretary of State, should address him, the Governor, a letter on the subject of the Kansas difficulties, which the Governor would answer, and the correspondence should be published.

On these terms he would resign and accept the proferred place, which, if necessary, we will mention; but the President declined, and all further negotiation was suspended.

And now at this late day, the charges of land speculations are re-opened! The Governor was honest and competent for the China mission, and even a higher one, but unfit to rule the angry waves of Kansas!

To the honor of Secretary DAVIS and STRINGFELLOW, 'tis said they do not offer any such absurd pretext, but boldly and unequivocally admit that Governor REEDER "is a clog to our legislation," and cannot be "managed."

These and like *facts* must be kept before the people, lest by the industrious enemies of law and freedom, this last and crowning act of infamy of our imbecile Administration, be ascribed to motives which never entered into the grave consideration of the subject. F.

The Case of Williamson and Judge Kane—The Writ of Habeas Corpus.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The recent action of Judge KANE in the WILLIAMSON case may be regarded surprising, from the fact that there was an evident intention on the part of that functionary to do apparent injustice by an invasion of the law. Had he really supposed that his decision was in accordance with wholesome truth and justice, he would not have sought to construe the act of WILLIAMSON into highway robbery, and his answer to the writ, perjury.

But our own act of *habeas corpus* is certainly defective, inasmuch as it gives to a dishonest and corrupt Judge the power or discretion to act just as KANE did, from the fact, that in making a return to the writ, a man must answer plainly and unequivocally whether or not the party charged to be, is in his custody or under his power or restraint. If he answer that he is not, there is an end of the matter; but a corrupt and dishonest judge would say, "It is adjudged that he is, and you must produce the party or you are in contempt." A case of a similar nature occurred in this State, before a judge in Albany, and our Legislature was obliged to interfere before the man imprisoned for an alleged contempt, (which really did not exist,) could be restored to his liberty. I regret exceedingly that these matters should occur. I could mention another who had heard a case which was to be argued before him, prior to its being given to the Court, and had undoubtedly by inbibed prejudices in favor of the side on which a sneaking politician was engaged as counsel, and the same judge *accidentally* gave in his *decision* parts of the conversation which he heard, but which was not by the remotest word referred to in any part of the papers.

If there is anything that should be free from all taint of prejudice and corruption, it is the channel through which we are to receive our justice. The man who deprives us of that, is worse than the thief, because there is not the remotest palliation he can offer for his crime, and yet there is no penalty but deprivation of office; and as our community is constituted, it will excuse or defend injustice and lawbreaking in an official, because of his political associations, while it would abhor the thief—not because he has done wrong, but perhaps because he can't show any political influence. W.

Castle Garden Indignation Meeting—Letter from Captain Rynders.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, Aug. 7, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: *In your report of the meeting held in* the Battery last evening, it is stated that I "contended that the Commissioners of Emigration robbed the emigrant more than the runners did, only the former robbed them fully by law, in order to prevent the runners from half robbing them without law." This statement is entirely erroneous with *reference to the Commissioners, as I made no such* remarks about them. I am not aware that the Commissioners of Emigration are in any way interested in the emigrant forwarding business, and whatever I might have said about other parties having the exclusive privilege of defrauding the emigrant, I cast no imputation upon the integrity of the Commissioners, for I know nothing against them in their official capacity; when I do it will be time enough to enroll them. I am opposed to making an [illegible] dept of Castle Garden [illegible] by legislative act which grants a monopoly of the emigrant forwarding business to any [illegible], or any particular [illegible] filtering the emigrant will be [illegible] by all means, for competition among the [illegible] benevolence, and so expressed myself last evening.

By publishing this you will correct an error of your reporter, and oblige yours, &c.

ISAIAH RYNDERS.

POLITICS AT THE SOUTH.

Recognition of the Real Sentiment at the North.

From the Nashville Union.

We have frequently of late taken occasion to notice the tone of public sentiment at the North, which, within the past few months, has become so unmistakably adverse, to the South. We are well aware that a large portion of our Southern people are loth to believe that this intimable feeling is in any respect general, or of that intensity which it is represented to be. Never was a people more deluded; it is not the exclusive aim of bigots and fanatics that for years have been fanning the flames of discussion and revolution, and who have been striving by every wicked means and device to prevent the slaves themselves to restlessness; it is not this body of reckless fiends who alone are employed in feeding the embers of discord, and provoking an open sectional division, which must ultimately end in disunion. *It is the staid, sober-minded conservative portion of the North, who have deliberately assumed a fixed, immovable stand, upon which they have placed themselves with the firm resolve to obtain redress for alleged grievances*, which they declare they will not endure any longer.

We might cite the speeches of some of the most prominent Northern politicians—Whigs and Democrats indiscriminately—to show that this feeling is not obscured and hidden in ambiguous phrases and equivocal terms of speech, but expressed in bold, emphatic, defiant and unmistakable language. These feelings of hostility have been engendered by the act of the last Congress, passing the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and in effect repealing the Compromise bill of 1820. It is the growing sin, they tell us, of Southern arrogance and usurpation—an unpardonable piece of treachery, a foul stain upon Southern honor, an insult to the Union men of the North; and as treacherous to the cause of Union as anything meditated by the most rabid of the rabid Abolitionists of the North. This is strong language, and yet it is used by those who have steadfastly and earnestly opposed the nefarious schemes of Abolitionists and Free-Soilers, and have been heretofore the zealous and devoted friends of the South.

Colonel Orr upon Southern Issues and the Know-Nothings.

At a recent complimentary dinner given by some of his constituents, Col. ORR, Member of Congress from South Carolina, made a long speech on the political topics of the day. Passing in review the condition of the country under PIERCE's administration, he assured his constituents that the country enjoyed a repose and the South a security upon the Slavery question, so far as statutory legislation was concerned, greater than she had enjoyed since 1787. Her institution of Slavery was excluded from all territory acquired by the United States north of 36° 30', by the Wilmot Proviso, which was practically in force in all territory north of that line until the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill. *That bill removed all restrictions, opened the Territories to the South and her slaves, and left the people thereof free to adopt or reject the institution of Slavery.* There had been objections raised to the Administration of President PIERCE, and to some of his appointments to office, yet, out of 100,000 officers to be appointed by the President, it was utterly impossible to please every one, nor was it to be expected that he should attain perfection; perfection was not the lot of man, and gentlemen should remember, that to err is human, to forgive is divine.

Col. ORR then reviewed the Kansas-Nebraska bill, showed the great necessity with which it was sustained by Southern Representatives; but six of the entire delegation of the South in Congress voted against it, and four of these six members are now candidates for reelection to Congress upon the Know-Nothing ticket. He regarded this bill a good one for the South, so much so, that almost every representative from the North who supported it has been laid upon the shelf, and an Abolitionist returned in their stead. Even Pennsylvania had prostrated every one of her eleven Representatives who had voted for the bill, but three, under the lead of WALLACE, *did some good.* Thus have the friends of the South at the North been ejected from power by the union of sore-headed Democrats, Whigs, Abolitionists, and Free-Soilers, into the Know-Nothing party.

Southern Reliance on the President and Senate—Letter from Senator BYRNES of S. C.

The recent elections in the free States have been unfavorable to the Democratic party, and of course to the due observance of the rights of the South. We have, however, to know that we have at this time, an *efficient check to the fanaticism of the popular branch of Congress, in the Senate, and in the President.* No successful attempt can be made to repeal the Fugitive Slave Law, or to restore the Missouri Compromise, as it is called, during the next Congress; what may come after that it is impossible to foresee. But I am of a hopeful temper, and have some confidence in the belief that what is so obviously right will prevail, and that after a few years the people will (as many of the Northern Democrats believe,) return to their sober senses again. If they do not, and the aggressions on rights still continue, we must meet it, not by Compromises, but with the spirit of freemen determined to maintain their equal rights in the Confederacy whilst we are members of it.

Most respectfully, your obedient serv't,

JOSIAH J. EVANS.

General Quitman's Views on Slavery, Cuba, and Annexation in General.

MONMOUTH, Thursday, July 19, 1855.

DEAR SIR: I was prevented by some pressing cares from replying promptly to your letter of the 27th ult., and I now have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt also of that of the 15th inst. I feel grateful to you and my friends in the East, for their kind consideration, and without troubling you with the detail of my own reflections upon the subject of this unexpected proposal, I will frankly and freely state the conclusions to which I have arrived.

As to my own personal inclinations, I am not *solicitous* of a nomination for Congress, and at any time when the danger to Southern rights and institutions was less imminent, I would decline it; but I feel that when the enemies of our domestic institutions are marshaling their forces for a deadly assault upon us, no Southern man has a right to decline any post of duty which the public voice may assign him. If, therefore, the Convention assembled to nominate a candidate for Congress in this District shall see fit to select me, such as I am, with the opinions and positions which I hold, and upon which I have ever boldly acted, I would accept the nomination, and, if elected, endeavor to represent the people of this District faithfully, truly and fearlessly.

My political opinions and positions are so well known that I need not refer to them. To avoid misconception on some points, however, I will remark that they remain unchanged as when you and I acted together in 1850. A State Rights Democrat of the strictest school, I have no political connection or affinity with any other party. More devoted to principles than party, I would support no measures, emanating from any source that conflicted with these cherished principles.

I believe that the institution of negro slavery is not only right and proper, but the natural and normal condition of the superior and inferior races, when in contact. That as the chief element of our country's prosperity, it constitutes a great interest, which is entitled, like other great interests, to the fostering care and protection of the Federal Government, within the sphere of its powers. That legislation or action, directly or indirectly hostile to this interest, is as was with our compact of Union, and should be resisted by the State and the people affected by it at all hazards. That the preservation of the institution of Slavery in Cuba, which can only be effected by her independence, and separation from the malignant influences of Bonapartean Governments, is essential to the safety of our own system.

That our Government ought not to thwart, but rather encourage by all proper means, the diffusion of American Republican institutions on this continent. That it is consistent with the designs of Providence, and our right and duty, not to restrain but to encourage the Caucasian white race to carry humanity, civilization and progress to the rich and fertile countries South of us, which now, in the occupation of inferior and mixed races, lie undeveloped and useless, diminishing only a theatre of operations for British intrigue to annoy us. That the policy of our Government in regard to these [illegible] by the prevalent spirit of hostility to Negro Slavery, [illegible] Northern States are [illegible] any practical domestic institutions the South may think is beneficial. That no national party can [illegible] this will fully perceive the [illegible] differing on other subjects, the political [illegible] is here and there [illegible] as clear, but they [illegible] face it is highly inexpedient and injurious to our party cause to agitate [illegible] it is [illegible] as politicians, I should, therefore, in a common, patriotically discuss these measures here, and while freely criticising erroneous or false doctrines, endeavor to calm, not to excite, high party feeling on other subjects than what [illegible].

If left free to urge these views in connection with the great and permanent principle of Democracy, I should not feel at liberty to decline the nomination if it should be tendered to me.

While this letter is private, in answer to your suggestions, you are at liberty to make such use of it as you think proper.

Your friend and obedient servant,

J. A. QUITMAN.

To Hon. WM. A. GRAHAM, Hillsboro.

North and South—A Virginian Notion of Political Economy.

From the Richmond Enquirer, July 31.

Virginia will become unmoved with the past policy and present prospects of our State, when they examine the singular phenomena presented by the agricultural interests of the North. The farming population is diminishing in numbers, agricultural products deteriorate, and the lands becoming exhausted and poor, while the manufacturing population is increasing. The wealth of the North is accumulating prosperously by the enhancement of lands, and relatively by the increase of her manufactures. It is true, there is a vast annual increase of her capital in houses and stocks; but the stocks will not long yield dividends, and the houses have tenants, if agriculture continues to decline. A change in the course of trade, by diverting her capital employed in commerce and shipping, would be other sections, where it might be wielded to greater advantage, would be more improvident.

We would like to see commerce and manufactures more flourishing in Virginia, but would not have our citizens dependent wholly on such pursuits. As manufactures to agriculture, so shipping is to manufactures, encouraging industry and enterprise, and rendering us less dependent, we should welcome them. We would like to make our own clothes, but do not wish the State to rely for a living on making clothes for other people. We would be pleased to see the trade of Virginia carried on chiefly in Virginian in our own vessels, but we do not wish to become the common carriers and factors for mankind. Our agriculture is rapidly improving, and in our system of improvement there is no work that will stimulate the growth of commerce and manufactures quite as fast as produce or policy would dictate.

Farming, conducted by negroes, gives economy and authorizes employment to their owners, the land owners. It is, for this reason, preferable to confine or to a free tenantry system, for the land owners, in the latter instance, become idlers. In the North the immense amount of capital invested in houses and stocks, begets a class of idle, unemployed people about their cities, whose companionship operates very deleteriously on society. With a little more variety of pursuits there would be few idlers in Virginia. We have enough idle idlers in the *North*. Our richest men are our most industrious men; for the care of several farms and hundreds of negroes leaves them no idle time. The NEW-YORK TIMES neither comprehends our social system in theory or in practice. We are not surprised at this. But we do wonder how it could escape his observation, that the daily vituperation of our own system was to generate an idle, [illegible] class. We but repel scornfully, as the charge of idleness came from the TIMES. Northern people would do well to study the theory and actual working of Southern institutions, before they make such sweeping charges, which rebound upon the accusers.

Apprehensions of a Northern Union.

From the New-Orleans Picayune.

The politics of the West and North are evidently shaping themselves with a view to the Presidential elections next year. The issue raised and best organized efforts thus far appear to be made by the Northern abolitionists, who are now running all over the Free States, and work with a distinct object, and with a candidate all but designated for them and by them. The opposite parties, who are hence, under any pretence, whatever be the modification in opinion in the Free States, with regard to the rights of the Slave States, do not appear to have the same concert or to be moved with any unity of purpose. But the elements of agitation are all violently at work, and the boldness and confidence with which a Northern sectional party is put forward to seize the reins of Government upon grounds purely and simply anti-Southern and anti-Democratic, that, we hope, awaken the apprehensions of every sober-minded citizen at the North to the necessity of organizing, in a constitutional league, all conservative opinions, to put down this fanatical and most daring effort of faction.

It is idle to shut our eyes to the fact of the growing power of a spirit of hatred to the South and its institutions, and the angry efforts which are making to consolidate it into an active, vigorous, determined and triumphant Northern Free-Soil party; and one of the worst symptoms in the nomination of the New-York Courier and Enquirer, which, with all its personal devotion to Mr. SEWARD, had heretofore occupied a position of conservative respect towards the South. The consolidation of a new party combination has drawn the Courier into the vortex of the anti-slavery crusade. The times are full of portents of another sectional agitation, fierce and more threatening than that of 1850.

Horrible Affair.

From the Austin State Gazette.

On last Sunday morning, a little before daylight, a German, named FREDERICK, came to the house of FRANK MALONE, residing some twenty one miles up the Colorado, and asked for milk. He was well known to Mr. MALONE, and had been some time previously employed by him and by many of his neighbors. Mr. MALONE rose from his bed and went out to the house where it was kept to procure the milk. In the meantime FREDERICK throw off his shoes and sat down his hat. He then unshouldered his knife and creeping up the bed where Mrs. MALONE was sleeping aimed a deadly blow at her heart. She jumped from the bed, and uttering a piercing shriek, called out to her husband that FREDERICK had stabbed her to the heart. Mr. MALONE dropped the milk bowl in his hands, and running into the house snatched his gun. He asked for the German. His wife, after catching her breath several times, was scarcely able to tell him that he had fled from the house.

MALONE pursued him against the remonstrances of the family, and reached him at a short distance, halted and fired. His gun snapped. The German again fled and endeavored to round the house. MALONE took the opposite direction and headed him. He fired and the gun again snapped. He then took hold of it by the barrel to strike the murderer.

The German seeing that MALONE was not able to fire, approached him with his knife drawn. MALONE allowed him to come within a few feet, and then springing upon him with his unloaded gun, he brought it down upon his head and cleaved him to the ground. He lay apparently dead. MALONE left him and ran to his wife. She was dead. The children at this time called out that the murderer had returned to life. She left her, ran towards him, and saw him reviving. He called for an axe. The children would not bring it to him. Then taking a rope he tied the fiend's arms behind his back, left him and returned to the house.

ELECTION IN LIBERIA.—A letter from President ROBERTS, of June 15, received at the Colonization Society's office, brings the result of the late election in Liberia. Hon. STEPHEN A. BENSON has been elected President, in place of Hon. Joseph Roberts, who declined a reelection. The election is for two years, commencing the 1st of January next. The opposing candidate was Hon. R. I. GURLEY. In the letter of President ROBERTS, he says:

"Mr. BENSON has experience, and is a Liberian which was once old, and has been proved and accepted among her both. And perhaps we may be allowed to assure congratulate with the country and friends of the colony, upon his accession to the chair of state, that the change of rulers or of our position in relation to the aboriginal tribes, or of our policy, or of the policy of this Government with respect to its foreign and domestic relations, he has acquired a good knowledge of them by long and his service and close attention to various official duties, which from time to time had devolved upon him. He is a gentleman of sterling moral worth, free native born, and in every important respect well qualified for the station of his choice."

CHAUNCEY C. BURR, a sort of editorial "confidence man," has started a paper in New-York, called the "Nation." It is to be more "National" than the News. It is to be [illegible]

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[illegible] Rev. E. [illegible], Secretary of the Institute and Phi Beta Kappa Council, a prayer by Rev. E. V. Kuykendall, another hymn, and the benediction by the President concluded the services.

Then came another scene in the dining room of the Seminary. The tables were laid with 300 covers, and we sat down to a deliberate and abundant dinner, not an article of which had ever been produced by the sweat of a servant. True, the table cloth is rather alike precisely, but there were no disagreeable neighbors at them; nor was the clatter of 300 silver forks (all marked D. S.) for "Deacon SAFFORD, the donor of them," as my informant sometimes disagreeable music when our own accompanied them.

After dinner came another exhibition of calisthenics, and the anniversary ends.

Western Reserve College.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

CLEVELAND, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1855.

The ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES of this Institution began on Sabbath afternoon, with the baccalaureate sermon of President PRIME.

On Wednesday, at 11 A. M., Hon. SAMUEL GALLAWAY of Columbus, addressed the Literary Societies. His subject was "*The Relations of Progress in Civilization in the Nineteenth Century.*" With his well known eloquence he spoke of the national pride of every nation of every age; that *France, John Bull*, and *Young America*, each congratulate themselves with the modest idea that it is their destiny to mould society, and remarks that this would be but every candid mind must yield the palm to our country, for here the spirit of sound learning and pure morals was warmly cherished,—here a noble generosity and pledge were given to all of a healthful, moral training and a practical education. He warned the students, as true scholars, to shun the baneful fires of the ultra conservatives, who, like idolaters, worship at the shrine of the past, and also to shun the fanatic, who roots up the wheat with the tares, and dreams that religion was intended for nothing else than to be needed. He pictured the progress of true civilization in glowing colors; that in America rank was below par, that "pure blood," "noble blood," is only heard of at exciting farm and fantastic ball rooms. Late proofs we have that military renown was a spavined horse in the steeple-chase of the political race-course. Popular education was the greatest proof of human progress.

At 2 P. M., Prof. WALKER, of Hamilton University, addressed the Alumni of the College. His subject was "*The Discipline Character of the Forces of Human Progress.*"

On Wednesday evening the declamation for prizes was held, and was very creditable.

Thursday morning the Societies held their anniversaries *in their respective halls. At 10 A. M.* the graduating class delivered their orations. The subjects were well chosen, well discussed, and were worthy of much compliment. I must guard myself, but cannot content myself without speaking of one on "American Literature," which evinced talents of the highest order. The degree of A. M. was conferred on H. B. FOSTER and ALBERT PITCH. In the afternoon, the former President inducted the new into office with a short but appropriate address. Rev. H. L. HITCHCOCK of Columbus takes the vacancy made by the resignation of President PRIME. The Inaugural Address will be published. He left us to understand that the policy of education hitherto adopted by the *Western Reserve College*, would be pursued under his administration; that the learned languages and the abstract mathematical sciences—the bones and sinews of a liberal education, would be made the grand elements in the prescribed course of study. BUCKEYE.

Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.

The annual Commencement in this institution took place on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

The annual sermon before the Religious Societies of the College was preached on the preceding Sabbath, by Rev. J. N. DICK, of Kittanning, Pa. On Tuesday evening the Literary Societies were addressed by Rev. *Prof.* POSTER, of Lancaster, Pa.

The graduating class consisted of 49, a majority of them being candidates for the gospel ministry.

The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred on Rev. P. F. JONES, of Monongahela City, and Rev. W. H. ANDREWS, of Ripley, Ohio.

The degree of D. D. was given to Rev. JOHN B. HUTCHINSON, of Covington, La., Rev. JAMES CLEVERIE, of New York City, and Rev. W. MAXWELL WETHERTON, of Scotland, author of the *History of the Free Church of Scotland*, and other works.

The institution is in a highly prosperous condition.

Notaries Public.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Aug. 4, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: As it is not generally known among our community—nor among Public Notaries themselves—that by a recent special law of Congress, the powers, duties and privileges of Notaries Public are *identical* with the powers, duties, &c. of United States Commissioners, I beg leave to append herein, for the benefit of whom it may concern, the act in question, "which speaks for itself," and affords an opportunity to the people of this City, of facilitating their business with the United States before Notaries, whose numbers are far greater than United States Commissioners, who are very limited in number. Yours, &c.

J. P. HONES, Notary Public.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS—First Session.—July 30, 1854.

CHAPTER 159.—"*An Act Supplementary to an Act entitled an Act to authorize Notaries Public to take and certify oaths, affirmations and acknowledgments in certain cases.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. (This section relates only to Notaries of the District of Columbia.)

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That Notaries Public be and they are hereby authorized to take deposits and *to do such other acts* in relation to evidence to be used *in the Courts of the United States in the same manner and with the same effect as* Commissioners to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, may now lawfully take and do."

Defalcation of a U. S. Officer in Texas.

From the Picy.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, July 16, 1855.

There has been a defalcation in the office of Major BELDEN, Quartermaster of the United States Army, at San Antonio, Texas, committed by JOHN S. SHERMAN, to the amount, as is now known of some $15,000 to $18,000, and it is supposed to exceed that amount considerably. It has been evident for two or three years, that the young man named above, obtained his money in some such way. He purchased property, farms, stock and negroes, freely, and kept a table at a cost of not less than $2,000 per annum, on a salary of $60 to $70 per month. Being the confidential clerk, and having charge of the key of the United States chest, it was evident on whose corn he was feeding.

SHERMAN reported, before he ran off, that the defalcations in the Quartermaster's Department would produce the greatest excitement when known. Every day new discoveries are made. Within the last few days quite a large amount has been found missing. Forgery, false entries, &c., are common—so says Madame Rumor.

It might be well to put Mr. CISCO, Assistant Treasurer, on his guard—but only by intimation. He has much to do with disbursing agents, but he is doubtless a business man, and will take care of his own accounts.

JULY 18, 1855.

Since writing you yesterday, the absconding chief clerk, JOHN S. SHERMAN, has been brought back. He was overtaken on roads for Mexico; so far as I can learn, the defalcations discovered do not go back later than last May. I have better reasons to believe that the use of public money commenced more than two years ago, than that it commenced within the last three or four months. The same expense in living and extravagance has been going on for over two years.

A general system of attack is now being made upon United States interests here, and the Department should be on their guard.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The Mercantile Library.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Directors of the Mercantile Library Association, was held on Saturday evening last, and the various quarterly reports were read. From the report of the Library Committee, Mr. JOS. T. HANFORD, Chairman, we ascertain that there have been over eighteen thousand books delivered from the library at Astor-place alone, during the last quarter; and through the branch office at No. 1 Nassau-street, many thousand more volumes have been issued. Members who do business or live in the lower part of the City, find this branch office of the greatest convenience, as there is a regular communication four times a day between the Library and the Office. There have been as many as twelve thousand calls at this office during the past three months. The number of readers present in the reading-room during the same period amounted to twenty-two thousand. Considering the constant succession of "hissed times" we have had, these figures show how well the advantages afforded by this Association are appreciated by its members. Our lady readers may not be aware that they are privileged to become members of this Association, and that a convenient reading-room is set apart for their exclusive use, where they may read the magazines of the day, books, &c., and—pardon—consult the latest fashion-plates.

It is understood that several distinguished lecturers have been engaged for the ensuing Winter, and among these Mr. THACKERAY and Mr. CURTIS have each made arrangements to deliver a course.

Pay of the Census Marshals.

The Special Committee of the Board of Supervisors, appointed at its meeting on Monday last, to audit the bills of the various Census Marshals for their services in taking the Census of 1855, met yesterday afternoon at the City Hall. Present, Supervisors HERRICK, (Chairman,) ELY and BROWN. A large number of Census Marshals were in attendance. Mr. CHARLES OAKLEY, on behalf of the Marshals, urged the necessity of immediate adjustment of their various claims. Most of them he said were in pressing need of this pay. The Statute applicable to this case, he insisted, admitted the broad margin evident in the bills offered. The Committee—whose instructions are to report at a meeting of the Board, to be held this afternoon—were unable to signify the report they should make. The bills certainly present a wonderful discrepancy in the amounts tendered—varying, as they do, from $60 to $720. Besides the $2 per diem allowance, some have charged $50, and upwards, for an interpreter. Similar large amounts are also charged for copying. One brings in a bill of $18 for stage fare. In addition, are all sorts of imaginable sums for stationery and incidentals. Each account, of course, is sworn to. The average of the aggregate bills is about $100, which between one hundred and fifty marshals, it will be seen, calls for over $15,000 from the City Treasury.

The Ten Governors.

The *Ten Governors* held their regular weekly meeting at the Rotunda yesterday afternoon. Governor Townsend, (President,) West, Duke, Henry, Smith, Dugro, and Taylor, were present. After the reading of the weekly requisitions and the transaction of some local and unimportant business, the Board *adjourned for two weeks.*

Enlisting Men for the British Service.

The evidence for the prosecution in this case being concluded, Mr. Commissioner BEDDOMAN *decided yesterday morning to liberate all the parties accused*; the evidence being insufficient, and especially that of the principal witness not being sufficiently reliable.

☞ The Buffalo *Express* notices the arrival at that *port*, from the *West*, of a consignment of "fifty-four barrels of peas" to a *coffee grinding* establishment. In the East they use—so they say—coffins, charred and powdered. The flavor is not equal to the *true berry*, however.

Committee on Streets.

This Committee resumed its inquiries yesterday *in the Chamber of the Councilmen. There were present*, Messrs. COOPER, (in the Chair,) and COLEMAN, to *report—there being only a minority assembled.*

Mr. Flagg deposed: That he was present at the opening of the bids for cleansing the streets; many of them were informal; he had not the curiosity to see the bids; Mr. Edling had; his clerk and himself had memoranda; those which were informal were declared so, among which were some of Messrs Smith, Seckler & Co.; it is common to correct the bids after being opened; as to tamps and gas, Mr. Flagg affirmed that he is notified, and if there be any informality it is declared; when there are informalities named in presence of bidders, twenty-four hours are allowed for correction; not so in the Croton Department; we entered "informal" against these because they were not sworn to.

Q.—What was your opinion as to the error; was it an error of substance or of form? A.—In the case of the Belgian pavement the contract was signed by Mr. Furey; although there was only one surety, I thought that of no consequence and said so; Judge Hoffman, however, decided that it was a substantial informality; I would rather leave that question to lawyers; I have no recollection of any contract awarded under similar circumstances.

Mr. Robert Walmsley, affirmed: He was present at the opening of the bids; is at present in no official position; when these bids were declared informal it was because the varetics signed about eight inches below the right place, and Smith & Seckler's bids were rejected because there were no affidavits; have sent some hundreds opened; have seen a clerical error corrected; never saw a bid informal in that matter before; three bids were thrown out before Mr. Seckels' turn came.

Mr. Smith remarked that the affidavits were sworn to, but the signature of the Commissioner was not attached.

Bernard McCafferty was one of the bidders. Many were rejected—perhaps the first twenty. He gave corroborative testimony.

The Chairman said he wished to ascertain if it was customary to award contracts when the affidavit is not affixed.

Mr. E. Boughton said he did not think it would be allowed—certainly not in the Croton Department. He had been a bidder for the last four years. He never knew a bid to be accepted in case of an omission of signature, or anything required by the ordinance. Never knew but this instance where a bid was received on such omission, and am surprised at the Comptroller for omitting it.

Mr. Smith explained that the bids were made in good faith, and it was not fair that, *on strict* grounds, ignorant of the New-York Corporation, new, they had made an error, they should be defeated and prevented upon mere technical grounds. Their affidavits were sworn to, but the Commissioner of Deeds before whom they were sworn had not time, owing to the lateness of the hour, to attach properly his signature. The Commissioner called at Mr. Edling's office next morning to affix his signature. That gentleman informed him it was not necessary, as the Corporation Counsel had decided the affidavit to be an informality, and as such they had a right to correct it—that it would be better to make a new affidavit. They did so immediately.

No other testimony being then adducible, the Chairman said an early report would be made, and the meeting adjourned.

Farmers' Club—American Institute.

TUESDAY, Aug. 7, 1855.

Mr. GRIFFING, of New-Jersey, in the Chair.

The SECRETARY read a variety of extracts, some curious, some amusing, and some instructive. One, from the "Quarterly Report of the Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland," paid a high compliment to the blind American mechanic, Mr. ATKINS, of Chicago, the inventor of the automaton or self-raking reaper.

Dr. WATERBURY stated that complaints having been made, because the question chosen for discussion was not always followed, he would explain that the Club was made up of persons from all parts of the country, and very often those who had proposed a question could not be present to discuss it, and out of courtesy it was laid over. Again, strangers often chanced to be present, whom it was a pleasure to hear speak upon some particular agricultural topic, and regular questions were then laid aside. There at a distance seemed not to understand the design of the Club.

PRESERVING INSECTS.

Dr. DUNNER, of Jersey City, exhibited several beetles and other insects preserved in small hermetically sealed glass cases. The cases are closed at one end over a common alcohol lamp, which is readily done with the aid of a simple blow pipe. The other end is slightly drawn out, the insect [illegible] together. The intire exhibit occupied one half or three fourths of an inch in diameter, and took up no inches in length. They may be taken of any size, to suit the animal to be preserved. [Delicate insects should be attached on one side of the tube, lest a shaking in transit from their being broken by moving about when the tube is handled.]

MR. BERGEN ON RYE.

Mr. Bergen raised rye, large, full grown, and very productive—twenty to thirty bushels to the acre—on Long Island; but now he can not get ten bushels from the same land with better plowing and more manure. The same is the case with barley. Wheat grows better than formerly. Cause not accurate for this.

SPROUTED WHEAT.

HENRY S. CHASE read a letter from a lady upon using flour from sprouted wheat. The writer says alcohol is used in sprouting, and she supplies the place by adding, say a gill of alcohol to a moderate sized loaf. She also recommended adding a small quantity of sugar. Mr. C. read another letter on the same subject from E. CORNELL, a miller, recommending clean water to be used with grown flour to increase its whiteness and make it sweeter better. The quantity recommended is a lump the size of a hickory nut for three common family loaves, to be added to the water before mixing.

Dr WATERBURY showed the chemical absurdity involved in the reasoning of the lady in reference *to the fermentation and waste of alcohol.*

SMOKING WHEAT.

Dr. WATERBURY read a letter from a Connecticut farmer, strongly advocating the practice of setting up sheaves of wheat singly, instead of placing a dozen or so together—in the old "Dutch shock" form. The sheaves will dry out sooner after a storm; there will be no heating as when a mass is thrown together; the wheat may get wet and be dry immediately upon the first sunshine, and though the straw may be injured in the centre of the band and upon the outside, yet the wheat will remain sound.

Mr. O. JUDD (of the *American Agriculturist*) thought the writer wrong. It might do for a small wheat-grower to watch and set up the sheaves as fast as they fell, or were blown down, but this would never do for a large western wheat-grower. Set up singly, or even in the "Dutch shock," they were exactly fitted to catch rain. He recommended making the sheaves small, putting them in round shocks with a cap, and allowing the grain to cure well on the field before stacking or storing it in the barn.

SOIL OF LONG ISLAND.

Dr. BARTLETT, of this City, exhibited a fine sample of oats grown this year upon the farm of the Brothers WILLIAM and FREDERICK BARTLETT, *near Deer Park, in Suffolk County, Long Island.* The stalks are about five feet high, as large as an ordinary lead pencil, and the heads are well filled out, having 100 to 120 kernels in each. The seed—the common western black oat—was sown early in the Spring, without manure, though last year the land was treated with 20 bushels of lime and 100 pounds of guano per acre for a corn crop. The soil is a friable loam with a clay bottom, and has been cultivated for a number of years. These heads were like the average of the field, and no special care was taken in their culture. The chief points of interest in connection with them are, the favorable character of this district, and the fact that such oats can be raised on land only 32 miles from New-York City, but in no poor repute that it was sold to the present owners, about a year since, for $14 per acre. He thought these were abundant evidences, of which this is one, that there are on Long Island plenty of cheap farming lands, which, from their nearness to the great metropolitan market, can be cultivated at a far greater profit than many of the western prairies.

Mr. JUDD spoke at some length upon the character of the Long Island soils, both in the central portions along the Railroad and upon the sea coast. He stated that there was much good land scattered throughout the Island, while other portions were lacking in finely divided particles necessary to form the medium of growth for the spongioles and fine roots of plants. These were so very small that they could not grow among sharp sand; there must be impalpable soil for them to lodge in. This was more important than the particular chemical constitution of the soil. The plant grew mostly from the air, gathering up its pabulum through the surface of the leaves, and a free circulation of sap was necessary, that this food might be carried down to the points where needed. Without a full supply of fine roots this could not be had, and clay, which is an impalpable earth, was the very best manure for a sandy soil. The coast lands of Long Island were of superior quality for farming in many cases, but had lost their reputation, especially upon the south side, from the habits of the occupants, who would at any time pass by the proper seed time, or leave a growing crop uncultivated, if fishing chanced to be good, as the latter pursuit was often more profitable.

MINERAL ELEMENTS.

A discussion here arose between Messrs. JUDD and THOMAS FIELD, in reference to the wants of a soil. Mr. JUDD held, that a soil having the proper physicial conditions, such as fineness, freedom from poisons, with a due degree of depth and moisture would produce any crop without adding special mineral manures.

Mr. FIELD had found great benefit from dissolved bones with guano, though the undissolved burned bones had produced no visible benefit after using eight tons. He thought the soil needed phosphoric acid in a soluble form.

Mr. JUDD thought the same result would have been obtained by using the guano and sulphuric with muck or charcoal instead of burned bones. He contended that one half of the money now expended by farmers for the manufactured superphosphate was thrown away. Numerous instances showed that burned bones used alone were valueless, while sulphuric acid, or ammonia as used, was highly beneficial. The sulphuric acid fixed the ammonia of the guano, and also retained large quantities of the same element from the air. Let guano, or guano and sulphuric acid, be mixed with muck or charcoal, or with any soil, and you have a fertilizer at half the cost of the superphosphate. We are still in the infancy of organic or agricultural chemistry. No chemist can yet tell precisely what are the essential constitutional elements of plants. The sap, in ascending through the plant, carries up with it whatever soluble minerals are found in the soil. Some of these minerals are left by the evaporation of the sap, and when the plant is cut down for analysis it contains more or less of these same minerals which, in analysis, are set down as constituents of the plant. It would not surprise him if it should yet be found that one half, or more, of the minerals heretofore estimated as essential constituents, are in reality only accidentally present in the plant. A full understanding of this question will diminish much of the confidence heretofore placed in soil analysis, mineral manures, &c. Lime and other alkalies are not to be classed as mineral food—they are agents to decompose and prepare vegetable matter, for the use of the plants. Sulphuric acid, plaster (sulphuric acid and lime,) and the acids generally, act as machines, so to speak, to fix ammonia.

Mr. A. D. FRY exhibited large specimens of a sea weed, (Laminaria,) used extensively upon some parts of the seacoast as a manure. These grow in the form of a long leaf, six or eight inches wide and twelve to fifteen feet in length, with a singular strong, tough, cord-like stem attaching it to the roots. The specimen shown was from Plum Island, lying just east of Long Island.

ISABELLA VS. CATAWBA GRAPES.

A gentleman from Long Island showed a sample of Catawba Grapes, which were nearly black and very hard. He stated that nearly all of this variety are thus affected, while the Isabella, growing near by, are still sound and in good condition. Several others present had observed the same difference in the two varieties this season.

ANOTHER NEW BLACKBERRY.

Mr FIELDS stated that he had taken a plant from the woods and cultivated it in poor soil, and this year he had berries quite equal to the famous New-Rochelle.

An invitation was received from Messrs. GEO. SEYMOUR & Co., of South Norwalk, Conn., requesting any gentlemen interested to visit their grounds, and examine the bearing and *lasting* qualities of the New-Rochelle blackberry, now at its fullest bearing.

Question for next meeting, (Aug. 21) "Sowing Wheat including the preparation of the ground;" and "The Fall Treatment of Pastures."

Coroner's Investigations.

THE CHATHAM-STREET CALAMITY.

Inquests were held yesterday by Coroner O'DONNELL, at the City Hospital, on the bodies of ADELAIDE and HANNAH ABEY, who died from the effects of burns received at the fire on Chatham-street, on Sunday evening last. Dr. DASH made deposition as to the fact that death was the result of these injuries. HANNAH ABEY died at 11 o'clock on Monday morning. She was born in this city, and was aged two years and six months. ADELAIDE was 26 years of age, and a native of Germany; she died at 6½ o'clock on the same day.

SUICIDE BY DROWNING.

A German, whose name is supposed to be S. [illegible] Coroner O'DONNELL made the following communication, being found on his person, [illegible] and suicide:

GENTLEMEN: Having seen your advertisement, I take the opportunity to offer my services as clerk in the wholesale dry goods trade—some years for a good weight of time in that line of business. For the last three years have been at HILLYARD, MAYER, HOFFMAN & Co's, where I took charge of the cloth department—I am acquainted with all the many kinds of dry goods; can refer you, besides to all other first-class houses in this City, where I have served my time. Please favor me with your address and you may have chance to judge for yourself; meter so as you get a good man in your store. In case you comply with my wish have it sent to the Post Office to-morrow morning, if convenient, and it will have very early attention. Respectfully, (Signed) S. SUGMAN.

Deceased jumped into the East River, at the foot of Twenty-second street, having first divested himself of his coat, hat, vest and shoes; he struggled for a few moments, during which time unsuccessful efforts were made to rescue him. His body was found later in the day and taken to Bellevue Hospital, where Coroner O'DONNELL held an inquest. Verdict—"Suicide by drowning."

Deceased was aged about 30 years; in height, 5 feet 7 inches, of slight build, with light brown hair, black hat, black frock coat, white shirt, blue check vest, black neck tie, black pants and gaiters.

FOUND DROWNED.

Coroner WILDEY yesterday held an inquest on the body of an unknown man.

DOCTORS' DISAGREEMENTS.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner HILTON upon the body of a child aged 14 months, named CHARLES E. KERASCHOU, at No. 89 Clinton-street. The child died from chronic inflammation of the stomach, and the Inquest was called for because of allegations of malpractice made by Doctor HOFFMAN, a Homœopathic physician, against Dr. ROSELLE, a regular. Dr. R. was the family physician, and as such he administered to the child a mixture, in proportion of 60 grains of lycopodium, mixed with honey half an ounce, and thirty ounces of water—half a teaspoonful every three hours being the dose. The following morning the child died. Dr. FINNELL made a post mortem examination which showed that death was the result of a long standing disease which caused softening of the membranes of the stomach and bowels. The Jury took occasion to censure the conduct of Dr. HOFFMAN.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Board of Aldermen.—TUESDAY, Aug. 7.

ISAAC O. BARNES, Esq., President, in the Chair.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

The Croton Aqueduct Department submitted an abstract of estimates for the construction of sewers *and contracts awarded upon them by this body*, during the month of July. There were only seven sewers, five of which was above Forty-fourth-street.

The Commissioner of Streets also presented a statement of the contracts awarded in his department for July.

The statements were ordered on file.

SIXTH AND EIGHTH-AVENUE RAILROADS.

The Comptroller submitted the following as the receipts of the Sixth and Eighth avenue Railroad Company, for the month of July:

Sixth-avenue Railroad	$12,270 12
Eighth avenue Railroad	29,066 50
Total	$41,336 62

REDUCTION OF STAGE FARE.

Alderman HERRICK offered a petition, numerously signed by leading citizens of all sections of the City, asking a reduction in stage fare to five cents. Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

FOURTH POLICE DISTRICT PRISON.

A resolution was received, adopted at a late meeting of the Board of Governors of the Almshouse, requesting that the Common Council direct to be appropriated for the use of the Department as a Prison for the Fourth Police District, the building and lot in Eighty-sixth-street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, formerly occupied as a public school. The present Prison is stated in the resolution as unfit for prison purposes, from its want of security and improper ventilation. Referred to Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

The Almshouse Department also sent in a resolution, asking that a sewer might be constructed in Essex-street, from Grand to Broome-street—the reason being alleged as necessary for the health of the inmates of Essex Market Prison. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

THIRD DISTRICT POLICE COURT BUILDING.

The report of the Committee on Repairs and Supplies in favor of concurring in confirm award of contract for building a house for the use of the Third District Police Court was taken from the table and the award of contract affirmed. The total of carpenter work and mason work is $1,467.

AN OLD PARK CHRISTENED.

Alderman VOORHIS offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing that the triangular Park bounded by Grove, Fourth and Christopher streets, be called Greenwich Park.

DREDGING AND SETTING OUT PIERS.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, reported in favor of concurrence to dredge out the *slips between Piers Nos. 41 and 47 North River*, which was concurred in. A report of the same *Committee in favor of non-concurrence* in the matter of extending Pier foot of Harrison-street, N. R., was adopted. A report to grant the exclusive use of the west side of Pier No. 12 East River, to J. & N. Briggs, was lost.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The annual return of the Fire Companies of New-York, giving the complement of members, the present number belonging to each, and vacancies, was received.

GRADE OF EIGHTY-THIRD-STREET.

The Special Committee (Alderman WAKEMAN, Chairman,) to whom was referred the investigation of the manner in which Eighty-third-street was graded, from Third avenue to Avenue A, and whether the charges of fraud, preferred by property-owners affected by the work, were tenable, submitted a voluminous report, detailing the entire stages of the work from its inception to its completion. The Committee state that they took the evidence of John Pettigrew, the contractor, and other witnesses, and discovered that the contract was given out in a very loose way by the Street Department, so much so that the contractor received $18,900 from the City Treasury for work which ought not to have cost $4,000. The evidence, however, failed to show collusion between the contractor and Street Department, as alleged. But the Committee felt called on to censure severely Mr. Furey, the Street Commissioner, and also disapproved the action of the Comptroller in paying the warrants of the contractor, when he was requested not to do so, on the ground of the illegality of the contract. The contract would amount to $23,000, of which $18,900 had been paid. The Committee recommended for adoption resolutions directing that $2,600 for flagging, &c., Eighty-third-street, and $4,400 for rock excavations, be assessed upon owners of real estate benefited by the improvement. Also that the Counsel to the Corporation report whether, by an appeal to the proper tribunal, the City can obtain relief from the liabilities incurred by this contract; also, whether an action, in the name of the City, cannot be commenced against James Furey, Street Commissioner, and his sureties, for the recovery of any sum which the City may have to pay on account of the contract over and above the $4,000 estimated for the same.

The report, on motion, was ordered to be printed, with twice the usual number.

Adjourned till this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The "Joseph Walker" Case.

The proceedings in this case were resumed on Tuesday (yesterday) afternoon. There were present Aldermen ELY (in the Chair,) and VOORHIS.

James Murphy, one of the firm of Pease, Murphy & Co., on being sworn, deposed: That he had never called on any persons or parties in reference to raising the Joseph Walker. In reply to questions from Mr. Furey as to whether he would undertake to raise it, Mr. Furey having told him that he was advised by the Mayor to obtain estimates, witness said Mr. Furey it was not in his line of business; made a proposition to him on behalf of the Floating Dock Company, named a sum, $9,500; handed this proposition in, written by Mr. Butterworth, who, he believed, is President of that Company; for this sum of $9,500 they undertook to remove this wreck to such place as might be designated. Mr. Furey told him to "hold on" with this offer, and he would take it in to the Mayor; subsequently informed him that he had had an interview with the Mayor on the subject, and had come to any measures. On the day this proposal was handed in; he told witness that the contract was given out to Wagner & Jones.

The Chairman stated that his reason for wishing the attendance of Mr. Murphy, had been that he understood that gentleman had handed in some proposal.

The names of several parties were then called, who did not appear. The Press were excused by Alderman Ely, for the Committee, to do them the favor of stating on behalf of Mr. Underwood in Broadway, that there was no implication, or ground of imputation against him, arising out of certain questions that had been put.

Mr. Richard Busteed made his entry, that to day for the first time he had been the resolution under which this Committee were sitting. In his opinion, Alderman Morey owed it to his position and dignity not to attempt the refutation of the calumnies that had been thrown upon him, sworn or unsworn. So far as his character as a citizen or Alderman had been impeached [illegible]

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Paralysis.

At 6 o'clock on Monday evening, a lady, of apparently 45 years of age, while walking in Broadway, near Broome-street, suddenly lost the use of the limbs of her right side, so that the entire contents of her cabinet of speech. She was taken into the drug store of Mr. MEAGER, where medical aid was given. By the marks on a portion of her clothes she is judged to belong in Washington-street, where she was conveyed, but was unable to designate her residence. She was therefore taken to the Station house. After being there, she was enabled to give her name as MARY ADAMS, residing at the corner of Christopher and Bleecker streets, where, at about midnight, she was conveyed.

Drowned.

At about 6 o'clock on Monday evening, on the return of the Ferry second-street Church excursion from Yonkers, a daughter of PATRICK and BRIDGET PHELLEN, residing in the corner of Washington-street and Avenue A, fell from the deck of the boat into the river and was drowned, notwithstanding every effort made for her rescue.

Found Dead.

A child, apparently only about three days old, was on Monday night found by Mrs. HARRISON, of No. 218 Fourteenth-street, lying outside the door in Fourteenth-street, between the First and Second avenues. Sent to the Almshouse.

Run Over.

An Italian boy, aged 12 years, named LORENZO FIRE, was yesterday run over and dangerously injured in Broadway by stage No. 1,314. He was conveyed to the City Hospital.

Police News.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

An Policeman Underwiler, of the Eighth Police District, was walking his beat early on Sunday morning, by direction of the Sergeant of the Eighth Ward, and been taken some time in the Sergeant's office, when he and sergeant proceeded to the rear of the premises of Mr. Bunnell, in Greenwich-street, and found the premises secured, but on examination of the premises nothing was found to be missing, the gate door from contact the premises, but on the night watch, but no further account, was made by the would be thieves.

Two brothers, named Patrick and William Carroll, were yesterday arrested by Policeman [illegible] charged with having entered into a house in Second-street, Charles Wills, of the City, of the premises, to the value of $[illegible] upon that in March last William Carroll stole from Mr. Wills the sum of money and goods, [illegible] by hand and [illegible] Thirteenth-street, and [illegible] in the house [illegible] Wills, [illegible] clothing valued at $100. Madden was held to answer for examination. The accused candidates in Bonds, and will likely be in limbo within a few days.

PICKPOCKET ARRESTED.

A man named Alfred Grey, a pickpocket, just from England, was yesterday morning arrested on the corner of Broadway and Fulton street, by Officer Orr, [illegible] and Fourteenth, of the Eighth Ward, [illegible] (aged in rifling the pocket of a lady from Philadelphia) [illegible] Recorder, [illegible] attempting a purse containing [illegible] opportunity with some [illegible] taken before Justice [illegible] stand, in the Tombs [illegible] Grey, who confessed him to six months in the Penitentiary. There with a company [illegible] the arrival of the net the high [illegible] to the County jail [illegible]

GRAND LARCENY.

Philip Ellis, of No. 36 Frankfort-street, was yesterday arrested on complaint of Charles Parks, [illegible] 363 Third-avenue, charged with having [illegible] and get to be made up [illegible] [illegible] $30, which he said, on [illegible] turning them to the owner. Held for examination by Justice PRAGNEY.

POLICE DEALERS DETECTED.

Valentine Smith, of No. 127 Washington, and Charles Meyers of No. 60 Centre-street, were yesterday arrested by officer Webb, charged with selling [illegible] goods in violation of law. The latter was [illegible] case to Philip McLaughlin, who alleges that he has purchased the tobacco of the prisoner at the same [illegible] Held to bail in the sum of $500 in each case.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—TUESDAY.

Before Judge Clerke.

DECISIONS.

John Begg vs. Michael Trahey—Application for judgment on account of [illegible]

In re the Petition, &c., of John [illegible]—Petition [illegible] charged [illegible] imprisonment for debt—Petitioner [illegible] with leave to plaintiff to contest application [illegible] notice.

Michael Trahey vs. John Begg—Order of arrest vacated without costs.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Hon. Judge Daly.

As we anticipated, the Grand Jury [illegible] yesterday. A really desperate, and [illegible] penalty, of electoral effort, will be made this [illegible] to prevent the [illegible] Grand Jurors are [illegible] in let very almost the first to [illegible] Court, since by serving four or five days during the present term, they will escape a similar duty every month for a year to come, while the [illegible] in every case, a fifteen days.

The case of Thomas Hoare, for passing counterfeit bank bills was resumed, the first witness being [illegible]

William H. Conway, who testified that he was a [illegible] Clerk at Jefferson Market Court; he was present there in June last, when the witness, Mrs. Parks [illegible] was stating her evidence against the prisoner; the prisoner was also present; he (Mr. Conway) took down Parks's affidavit.

The District Attorney—Did the prisoner make any observation when Mrs. Parks recognized him as the man who passed the bill?

Mr. Spencer, for the defence, objected to the question. If the prisoner kept silent on that occasion, his silence, contrary to what the District Attorney would imply, was no evidence of guilt; it might be of guilt when a man was accused in his own house or in the street, but in a Judiciary Court he was not bound to speak—he was under no duresse, and silence did not imply consent or guilt.

The District Attorney, with much [illegible] objection, but the Court decided [illegible] Spencer. Consequently, Mr. Conway [illegible] not further requisite.

A respectable old gentleman, [illegible] who seemed to be near his period of dotage, was then called to the stand by the defence, [illegible] character of the prisoner, [illegible] nothing clearly could be got out of him, and he certainly did not improve the case.

Mr. Clark, a money broker, was then examined for the prosecution, and proved the bills alleged to have been passed by Hoare were counterfeit.

Mr. Spencer, in summing up for the prisoner, made the most of the case, and [illegible] some forcible remarks touching the uncertainty of [illegible] testimony, [illegible] general character, [illegible] strictly true, where it proved [illegible] the prisoner.

The District Attorney replied very ably; the Judge made a discriminating charge, and after a long consultation, the Jury failed to agree, and were discharged.

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Southern State Elections.

The majorities received in this city [illegible] from Nashville, Tenn., leave little doubt of the reelection of Governor ANDREW JOHNSON, Democrat, over M. P. GENTRY, Whig and Know-Nothing. The majority in the State is said to be about 1,500. Out of the cities of Nashville and Memphis, where the Know-Nothing organization was strongest, the old party lines would appear to have been pretty much observed in the popular vote. The majority for JOHNSON, if correctly stated, is only about 600 votes below that of 1853, when he was elected over Mr. HAWKS, regular Whig, by about 2,300 votes.

In Kentucky appearances are still favorable to the Know-Nothings. The election of L. M. COX, K. N., to Congress, in the Ninth District, is conceded, as is the election of L. W. STEVENS, K. N., in the Tenth Congressional District.

R. T. PAYNE is elected to Congress from the Fifth District, North Caroline, which is all we have yet to be credited from that State. There was a report in Washington yesterday that CARMICHAEL had been defeated in the Eighth Congressional District, but that is doubtful.

Such returns as we have from Alabama show the success of the Know-Nothings.

Mike Walsh's Riot—The Tragic Side of Know-Nothingism.

While the Know-Nothings had the prudence [illegible] to preserve their original design [illegible] a secret organization, they were secure [illegible] from personal assault, if not from political defeat. They had the advantage [illegible] their arrangements of aiming their [illegible] from behind an impenetrable shield of [illegible]. They stood in the darkness, while their adversaries were exposed in the light of day. There were plenty of reasons why they should have preserved their advantages of secrecy and mystery, but they allowed the [illegible] fears of their allied foes to draw them from their Sebastopol of secrecy, and the consequences have been defeat in almost every encounter they have since had, and the terrible sight in Louisville, which has resulted in one of the most appalling tragedies that has ever attended a popular election in any part of the Union, since the organization of our Government.

Such a result as this melancholy and most shocking affair might have been anticipated, but it is none the less deplorable. From the [illegible], and we trust, exaggerated reports of the Telegraph, it appears, as would naturally be the case, that the first act of violence proceeded from a foreigner, and the exasperated feelings of the American partisans, or Anti-Catholics, naturally led to the acts of violence, bloodshed, and arson which followed.

Until we receive more particular accounts of this shocking affray it will be impossible to form any correct opinion of the relative guilt of the two parties. But quite enough is known to demonstrate the imbecility of the city authorities, and the fearful nature of those conflicts as heated contests of race and religion are sure to provoke. The theory of our Government is that every citizen subject of the law has a right to a voice in making it; —and any attempt to exclude any class from the exercise of this right, on grounds either of race or religion, will inevitably arouse a passionate resentment, of which the natural result is just such collisions and bloodshed as have disgraced the city of Louisville.

Kansas Affairs.

The Albany *Argus* copies from the St. Louis *Democrat* a statement that "the Pro-Slavery party in Kansas is *one-fourth less numerous than its opponents*,"—and founds upon it an argument designed to show that the alarm about Kansas becoming a Slave State is unfounded. This might be so, if the question were left to the inhabitants of the Territory. There is no doubt, in our minds, that public sentiment throughout the territory is decidedly opposed to the introduction of Slavery.

But what will this avail so long as an armed mob from Missouri is permitted to march in, take possession of the ballot boxes, fill the Legislature with members from their own [illegible] and then take the Legislative power of the Territory into their own hands,—and so long as they have in all this the active and efficient cooperation of the President of the United States? A letter, which we publish in another column, from an intelligent gentleman who has just returned from Kansas, confirms fully all the accounts hitherto received of the absolute supremacy of the Missouri mob over Legislation in Kansas. And Gov. SHANNON has just been ejected from office by President PIERCE, because he would not recognize the right of these usurpers to make laws for the government of the people of Kansas. Under these circumstances, it is a matter of no practical importance what the sentiment of the majority of the people may be. It is certain to be overborne by the Missouri mob, backed by the Executive power of the Federal Government.

The Legislature is sure to pass laws permitting and inviting Slavery. Under these laws Slavery will be planted there. Slaveholders will go there with their "property;" they will acquire rights there, and by and by will plead those rights as a reason why Slavery should not be abolished. The same influences which have controlled the Kansas elections thus far, will be brought to bear upon them hereafter. The certainty of Federal countenance and support will stimulate the Missouri mob to renewed and persevering efforts to effect the complete conquest of the Territory.

It is very true that all these efforts, even if successful, may not be final; and that the adoption of a State Constitution permitting Slavery may not fasten that curse upon that region forever. But every step gained by the Slavery propaganda renders their final triumph more probable, and increases the obstacles which the friends of Freedom will have to overcome.

The Art of Fortification.

The current number of the Edinburg *Review* has an article upon Modern Fortification, and the lessons taught in regard to it by the Eastern War. It is written with great clearness and suggests points well worthy of attention in this country, as in every other which depends at all on military science for its defence.

The siege of Sebastopol, in the writer's opinion has revolutionized the whole theory and art of Fortification, and proved that a fortress may be practically impregnable. Since the introduction of heavy cannon, and the mode of besieging a fort by parallels, it has been considered a fixed principle that no fortress could resist a siege,—that the besieging army must in the end prove victorious, and that the whole contest thus became a mere question of time. So thoroughly has this been held established, that a standard work on the comparative value of different systems of Fortification, compiled in 1850 by a Committee of British engineer officers, gave *thirty-six days* as the longest time which a perfect fortress, costing half a million of dollars and having a front of four hundred yards, could resist attack. Toward the end of the last century a French cavalry officer started a theory that batteries might be built two or three stories in height, facing the point of attack, so that a superiority of fire might be established for the defence;—but as the attacking guns might fire at an angle, being hidden by mounds of earth, and as no masonry could long withstand heavy artillery, this theory was never reduced to practice. Lately, however, a Scotch civilian, Mr. JAMES FERGUSSON, has suggested that these difficulties may be overcome by avoiding entirely the use of masonry and throwing up instead an immense mound of earth, upon which the guns may be mounted on terraces, each rising in steps each above and behind the other. The present war, in the writer's opinion, has thrown valuable light on these rival theories.

At the siege of Silistria, the Russians no sooner carried one part of the works, than they found themselves in presence of others equally difficult, which the Turks had thrown up from the earth within; so that after continuing the siege from the 10th of May to the 22d of June, finding the means of defence on the part of the garrison far from being exhausted, they raised the siege. The success of the defence is attributed to the fact that it was from the beginning *an affair of parallels*, the besieged working back as fast as the enemy advanced. "The principles on which this defence was conducted," says the writer, "are in fact, those hitherto consecrated to the attack; and it will be ever memorable in the history of modern sieges, as the first instance in which they were fairly applied to the opposite purpose."

The Russians had the sagacity to recognize the principles on which they had been defeated, and when the same troops who were defeated there were called on to defend Sebastopol, "they used the same expedient of earth-work parallels, and throwing aside all the antiquated prejudice of the schools, they have made a resistance quite as extraordinary as that of Silistria." It is impossible within our limits to follow the detailed elucidation given by the *Review*, of the attack upon Sebastopol, and the means by which it has thus far been successfully resisted. The first bombardment commenced on the 17th of October and was continued for nearly three weeks,—and at the end of that time, "the enemy's works were *stronger* than the day the fire commenced,"—the batteries having been placed too far off to be effective, and the besieged having continued to add to their defences. During the interval of repose which succeeded, the Russians could not be prevented from occupying the Mamelon,—a great circular earth-work, which they had thrown up six hundred and fifty yards *in advance* of their original line.

On the 6th of April the second great bombardment took place, in which 200 guns and 100 mortars threw from 120 to 140 rounds each per day, and continued this for ten days. But the result was absolutely nothing, as the Allies never silenced or gained any superiority of fire over those works which directly faced theirs and were built on the principle of Mr. FERGUSSON,—that "when the guns of a fort are equal in number to those of the attack, and are placed *behind earthen parapets* facing the attack, they cannot be silenced by the besieger." The third bombardment, with the assault of June 7, was more effectual, as the Allies obtained possession of all the works of counter approach which the Russians had created *outside their original works* after the bombardment of Oct. 17. In the attack of the 16th of June, against the Malakoff, the Allies sustained a decided check.

The writer, in spite of these reverses, does [illegible] "But," he says, "whether the place fell to-morrow, or did it resist some time longer, the scientific question, so far as the art of fortification is concerned, may be considered as settled. For it has been proved beyond a doubt, that an *abundant supply of guns placed on earth works*, may restore the superiority of the defence over the attack."

We presume that these important points will not escape the attention and the examination of the intelligent engineers of our own service.

Castle Garden.

There are a good many people who have doubted the propriety of converting Castle Garden into a *dépôt* for Emigrants. There are two procedures by which such doubters may be converted—one is to visit the Garden and examine the provision made for the comfort and health of the emigrants; the other is to read the report of the *Indignation Meeting* published in yesterday's TIMES. We have done both. We have tried our own prescription and can certify to its value.

It needs no ghost to tell the public that the getters up of the indignation meeting of Monday night, were the emigrant runners, baggage smashers, boarding-house keepers, and other professional gentry, who have long filled their own pockets by robbing emigrants upon their first arrival. Runners by hundreds used to board vessels at or below Quarantine—proffer their advice and aid to the ignorant and astonished strangers—get charge of their baggage—sell them forged and worthless tickets over imaginary Railroads—send them to boarding-houses reeking with filth, and abounding in starvation and extortion, and by various devices rob them of their last dollar, and often of their last article of baggage, and even of clothing. This had come to be an organized system of plunder, which neither the law nor Police could break up, and under which emigrants have suffered, and our City has been disgraced, for many years.

The Castle Garden arrangement has thoroughly and effectually broken it up; and it is quite natural that the gang of robbers who are thus thrown out of a lucrative business should indulge in a violent and angry protest. And for lack of other equally plausible grounds of objection, it is natural that they should have raised an outcry against it on the score of the public health,—and as being likely to engender all sorts of terrible diseases in the fashionable vicinity of the First Ward. Capt. RYNDERS called it a *pest house* and other bad names. Hon. DAVID O'KEEFE said that the Battery was desecrated by being put to "the vilest of uses." He must have an exalted idea of Christian charity and benevolence, who thus designates the spot prepared for the reception of the sea-sick and toil-worn stranger on his arrival in this country.

The arrangements made to preserve health and promote cleanliness at the Castle Garden cannot be excelled. The City was really in danger of pestilence and disease of every kind when the emigrants were stowed away by hundreds in the low lodging-houses of the First Ward—stowed away in their filth and rags, without the slightest regard to the ordinary decencies of civilized life. It would be well if the owners of the low groggeries of Washington and the adjoining streets took a lesson from the present arrangement of Castle Garden, and put their own houses in similar order. It is not true, as Mr. O'KEEFE stated, that a man "cannot get out to the City to see his mother or his sister if she were dying." He can go out and stay as long as it suits his convenience, or altogether if he chooses. There is no compulsion used—there is nothing but aid and advice given, and the emigrant can stay or depart as he may be inclined.

We are satisfied that if those who have hitherto been opposed to this project, will suspend their judgment upon it for a few weeks, until they can observe its operation and results, they will come to the conclusion that neither the public health, nor the public convenience, will suffer from it in the least, while the emigrant will be protected from robbery and disease, and enabled to go forward to his destination in the West without either encumbering the City by his presence, or suffering from the vices and villainies by which it is infested.

The Perils of our Ferries.

The entire interests of all the Ferries on the East River being monopolized by one Company, destroys that spirit of healthy competition which is so requisite for the public security and convenience in the management of public modes of conveyance. The Brooklyn Ferries are generally well managed, but there is not the same degree of attention bestowed upon the convenience of the passengers, as was the case when each Ferry was a distinct property and under independent management. The first thing that the present Union Company did on the consolidation of all the Ferries under one management was to increase the cost of ferriage, without giving any additional conveniences to the public. The price of ferriage, in fact, at the Fulton and South Ferries, where there is the greatest amount of travel, was doubled, while it was not reduced at the other Ferries. The public has no recourse, but must submit to the pleasure of the stockholders, who have shown no disposition to use their privileges with moderation. The Brooklyn boats are generally kept in good order, and the fact of so few accidents happening on them—few, we mean, when compared with the immense travel on them—is sufficient proof of their being well managed. But much more effective means should be adopted to prevent accidents. The melancholy loss of a little child from one of the boats on Saturday afternoon, shows how imperfectly the boats are guarded against such mishaps. The toddling little creature, it appears, ran from its father, and notwithstanding that the boat was crowded, as the boats always are towards evening, the child tumbled overboard and was lost. The ferry boats are [illegible] with a wind raging as they should go, and the two sides are left entirely open—the chain that is hung across them serving rather to trip up passengers than to prevent them from falling overboard. There should be some kind of contrivance by which both the bridge and the boat should be perfectly enclosed the moment it leaves the fastening, so that hasty passengers should not be able to leap after the boat, or on to the bridge, if ever so much inclined to risk their lives and limbs. A very little mechanical ingenuity, and a very trifling expense, would be necessary to make the boats and the bridges perfectly secure against accidents; and the Ferry Company owe it to the public in return for the great and profitable monopoly which they enjoy, to secure passengers against the possibility of harm.

There are perils in crossing at the ferries which no foresight nor ingenuity can guard against, and those are such as arise from the dangers of collisions in fogs. It is owing as much to good luck as good management that there has not been some terrible disaster on our waters from this cause.

Dickens Agonistes.

A reporter, an author, a sportsman, a traveler, a reformer, a journalist, an editor, a statesman, an actor! what the dickens is not DICKENS becoming? It seems only the other day—it is just a score of years ago—since he burst upon us in all the supernatural glory of "Boz." The *Sketches* were cosied about in all the papers, and the author, somebody whispered, was one DICKENS—nobody, except the proprietors of a Sunday paper knew his "given" name—a Parliamentary reporter, and a decidedly clever and promising young fellow. Then came *Pickwick*, with yellow covers, and two caricatures of the text by CRUIKSHANKS; and continued coming until people laughed all the way from the session of the Club which dismissed the chief on his travels, down to the respectable settlement of the antiquarian drinker of cold punch at Hampstead. *Oliver Twist, Nicklaby, Rudge, Curiosity Shop, Christmas Stories, Dombey, Copperfield, Jarndyce*, with all the multitudinous characters, scenes, humors and follies, contained in, and still conjured up by the repetition of the name of, each,—what are they but "Household Words," realities to each of us as profound as our cotemporary joys and sorrows through those twenty years!

And this multifarious and multiform creator of beings, so actual to the most of us—to most as actual as the crowned heads, and people great and small we read about in the newspapers—is forever presenting himself under new circumstances and varied lights. He constantly writes, in action, additional chapters to the misty autobiography contained in *David Copperfield*. David astonished us by becoming a political orator the other day. Keen, trenchant, original, humorous, his speech on Administrative Reform took everybody by surprise. Everybody—which is the most important body on earth—knew him as successful, an after-dinner talker, as SHERIDAN, or CANNING, or PICKWICK. He had some lofty repute as a lecturer. Sergeants Buzfuz and Saunbin attested his forensic capacities. But that he could achieve any triumph in the walk in which *Pelham* and *Vivian Grey* had preceded him was a most astounding evidence of versatility. It was almost with a feeling of sorrow, that we read the announcement that this triumphant performance was to be his only appearance on the stage of politics; that his oratorical model was JAMES HAMILTON; his appropriate soubriquet "Single-speech" DICKENS. What a set-off would such a literary liberal be to the five digits of toryism attained by BULWER, and the total eclipse of DISRAELI! What debates—supposing the orator to be also a debater—might there not be between the three novelists; the cool sarcasm of the ex-Israelite and ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer; the pedantic, yet florid pretentiousness of the Knight of the Shire; and the broad good humor and sense of David, supplying fuel for the liveliest combustion!

Yet the garland earned at Guildhall, has scarcely lost a leaf before DICKENS, the actor, steps to the footlights and claims "uproarious applause." He is a hero of melo-drama, surpassing, if we may trust accounts, the palmiest glories of the Bowery, or Chatham. He is at once the Cicero and the Roscius of his age. He only saves the country to amuse it. In the rapidity of his changes, and hasty reappearances in fresh impersonations, he is a mighty harlequin. Even the fame of Mr. Vincent Crummles—and like that illustrious "heavy father," David has his group of infant phenomena to support him—grows faint in the presence of the later light. A scene 'located' in Eddystone Lighthouse may not furnish eligible opportunities for a display of small sword exercise, and we cannot therefore tell how far David competes in stage points with Crummles, the local manager, or his ambitious offspring, the Smugglers. We can, however, fairly infer, from his strong sympathy with human nature in all its developments, that he must adapt himself wonderfully to the representation of any character delineated by his magical pencil; and that DICKENS the Creator is also DICKENS the Realizer, in all the varieties and forms of his plastic talent. It is hard, in fact, to believe that mortal genius could more "lively" represent, what in the abstract it has imagined, than Mr. DICKENS could produce on the stage the whole gallery of characters in his writings, from *Mr. Watkins Tottle* to *John Jarndyce*.

May we not indulge a fond hope that the author of *Notes on America* may deem it profitable to make a theatrical tour of the Provinces, including this continent in the round? Here he may not succeed in drawing larger houses than he did in the simple character of Boz, but they will pay better; and there will be no ill feeling on either side about copyrights. Indeed, RACHEL herself will hardly make a better thing of it than might the brilliant amateur, should he adopt the hint. We will only add, as an aside, that the press will unanimously forget the wrongs of Mr. JEFFERSON BRICK, and do the liberal thing in the way of puff preliminary and puff direct. And if it suit him, he might write some additional Notes on America, as poor POWERS did as the end of one of his trumps; only being careful to infuse some of the good-nature which POWERS outpoured, and which DICKENS lavishes on everything but Yankees. We shall be most happy if this hint reach him, and be accepted.

A Low Valuation.

During a recent debate on the Education bill, in the House of Lords, the Duke of ARGYLL gave sundry statistics of Scotch Schools—when the following dialogue took place:

A NOBLE LORD—Where did the noble Duke get his figures?

The Duke of ARGYLL said he had got them from Mr. HORACE MANN'S *Census Reports*.

THE NOBLE LORD—They are not worth a pinch of snuff.

The Duke of ARGYLL said that if Mr. HORACE MANN'S Reports were not worth a pinch of snuff, he did not know to what authority an appeal could be made.

☞ The Detroit *Free Press* publishes several letters from WASHINGTON, which, it alleges, have never before seen the light. They are addressed to Col. DANIEL BRECKEN at Pittsburg, or Fort Pitt, as it was then termed, and relate exclusively to military operations connected with the Revolutionary War.

Shocking Grain.

The frequent rains of the present year render it exceedingly difficult to gather wheat, rye, oats, &c., in good order. The dry weather, usually prevailing at the harvest season in this country, has induced a slackness, a slip-shod habit among American farmers that is quite surprising to Englishmen, who on account of the damp atmosphere and ever "weeping skies" of their own country, are accustomed to much greater care in protecting their grain while it is curing in the field.

Last week we saw a very good illustration of the different methods, and of the superiority of the English practice, while visiting the farms of a couple of wheat growing neighbors. One farm was tilled by an American—an out-and-out K. N.—the other by an Englishman, who still retains many of the agricultural notions and practices of his native country.

They owned fields of wheat, side by side, which had been cut and shocked when we saw them, just after a heavy fall of rain. The American farmer had bound his wheat in large bundles or sheaves—as large as the arms could encircle; the bands were put on nearer to the "butt" of the straw, leaving the heads to spread out at a wide angle, and just filling the sheaf to take in all the rain falling upon it. These sheaves were set up by a boy, in rows, six sheaves leaning against six others, in the form of a parallelogram or long square. There was so little care exercised in forming these "shocks," that many of the sheaves had fallen down, or been blown over by the wind, while those standing were quite as broad at the top as at the base; indeed they could hardly have been better arranged if they had been expressly designed to catch all the rain possible.

The Englishman, on the contrary, had bound his wheat in small bundles; the bands were put on near the grain to contract that end of the sheaf as much as possible. They were then set closely together in *round* shocks of small size, the heads slanting inwards, and the whole was "capped" with an inverted sheaf. The cap-sheaf was tied up with two bands, one near the middle and the other near the butts, the latter band being drawn quite tightly, to make this end of the sheaf as nearly pointed as might be. In putting on this cap, its grain end was opened from the centre to form a hollow cone, which was set over the shocks, the heads of all the upright sheaves being first drawn inwards to a point. This work was not entrusted to a "boy" nor to a careless "hand," but to the most careful person on the premises, the most of it being done by the proprietor himself.

An examination of these two fields showed that while in the first nearly every sheaf had been wet down to the band at least, in the latter field the water had in no case penetrated to the depth of the two inches except in the upper or straw end of the "cap," and in this it had not gone down to within a foot of the grain.

We conversed with the English farmer as to the time and expense, and in answer to our inquiries he stated that after the wheat was cut and bound, he could prepare the caps and put up in this manner from two to six acres a day, or even more, according to the stoutness of the crop; that the expense was nothing compared to its advantages, since he could leave his grain in the field as long as he wished; that the wheat and straw were better for being thus fully cured in small parcels, with a free access of air, than if stored too soon in a "mow" or large stack; and that after five years' experience in this country, prior to the present one, he had concluded that, one year with another, the saving from loss by rain in this method was at least equal to three times the extra expense over the plan commonly pursued. He follows the same course with his other grain, rye, oats, &c., and when barn room is short he leaves a crop in the field until ready to thresh it directly from the cart. By the latter course he also saves one or more handlings.

The Diamond Reef Contract.

His Honor the Mayor has vetoed the resolution of the Councilmen and Aldermen, concerning the removal of Diamond Reef. His reasons for so doing were, with the veto, sent in to the Board of Councilmen last evening. The Mayor considers the action of both Boards of an executive character, and, consequently, improper. There was also a peculiarity in the form of the advertisement which created much misapprehension on the part of those not initiated into the way by which contracts are sometimes gained, and which His Honor could not approve of. A new survey is recommended, on which bids for the work may be based, and then bidders understand exactly what is required of them. The recommendations, if acted upon, will doubtless prove advantageous to the City Treasury.

The Maine Law and Imported Liquors.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Section 1 of the Prohibitory Liquor Law of New-York of 1855 provides that "intoxicating liquor, except as hereinafter provided, shall not be sold or kept for sale." The exceptions are, for chemical, mechanical, medicinal and sacramental purposes, and concludes—"This section shall not apply to liquor, the right to sell which in this State is given by any law or treaty of the United States."

Justice COLE of Albany, and Recorder SMITH of New-York, hold that Section 1 does not apply to or prohibit the sale of imported liquors by retail. Judge SHELDON of Buffalo, and some others have decided differently. According to Justice COLE'S and Recorder SMITH'S decision, how stands the law of this State touching the retailing of imported liquors? The Revised Statutes prohibiting their sale without license, would remain in full force in this State, except in the cities of New-York, Albany, and perhaps one or two other cities. These cities are allowed to fix the penalties for themselves, [Section 27, of Title 9, chap. 20, part 1 of Revised Statutes, and Section 12, chap. 320 of Laws of 1854.]

Section 23 of the Prohibitory law of 1855 [illegible] the granting of licenses for selling intoxicating liquors for drinking purposes, and [illegible] as people "will come and persist in coming and will obtain liquor, [illegible]." Now, if this act [illegible] the Revised Statutes [illegible] liquors, then the Revised Statutes [illegible] their liberty, are not repealed, but the penalties imposed by them, of $50, imprisonment for each offence, remain in force, so that the retailing of imported liquors, through the State, is prohibited by one Statute or the other; and for practical purposes is in all little consequence which prohibition.

Indictment is a speedy remedy to test the law; and if the defendant does not plead that the liquor was imported, the penalties of the law of 1855 would be imposed. If evidence on the trial showed that the retailer sold, not imported liquor, then the penalties given by the Revised Statutes, of "imprisonment in a County jail not exceeding one year, or fine not exceeding $500, or both such fine and imprisonment," would be imposed.

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Personal.

MIKE WALSH, ex-Member of Congress, is off for Europe to-day.

Hon. BARNEY W. OSBORN is residencing at Oakhouse, L. I. It is his father's house.

The London Temperance Lecturer announces that the visit of Mr. GOUGH to England will commence on Saturday, Aug. 4, on which day he will sail from Liverpool for America.

The New-Haven Register mentions the case of a gentleman who has completed a collegiate and theological education, with the view to qualify himself for the post of a missionary sea-captain. Mr. C. BARNETT, a graduate of the class of '51, in Yale College, has just completed his course of study in theology, and is now about to take command of one of our finest vessels, having for several years followed the occupation of a sailor.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

BULLETIN OF CURES BY BRIGHT'S PILLS.

FEVER AND AGUE.—Rev. R. L. FRASER, Pastor M. E. Church, communicates the following:

C. D. [illegible] Dear Sir: We, the undersigned citizens of the village of Frankfort and vicinity, while we would scrupulously withhold our testimonials from commonplace articles, feel prompted by duty and gratitude to commend and testify the virtues of your Ague Pills & Fever Bitters. Some time in the last June, it is not [illegible] of justice to you, Sir, to say that a gentleman came among us who had [illegible] Our Chills and Fever as a formidable enemy, and our appetites and health enfeebled by their baleful presence; and our conscience urges us to say, that, in the case of Fever and Ague, it is our honest conviction that for general every other medicine with which we are acquainted. We cordially recommend them to all suffering from the most dreadful disease.

J. W. DAYNOR, S. N. STEBBINS,
JOHN WILLIAMS, HIRAM B. WOOD,
JAMES HUNT, SAMUEL PHILLIPS,
R. M. TIDDALE, JOHN D. STEBBINS.

Rhode Island, Dear Sir: Those of the above subscribers are valuable members of my church, and other citizens of good judgment, respectability, and truth. And when, therefore, I have reason to believe that their testimony is true.

Yours truly, R. L. FRASER,
Pastor M. E. Church, Frankfort Circuit, Black River Conference.

FRANKFORT, Sept. 29, 1855.

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RESIDENTS IN AGUE & MIRSHY SPOTS MAY ALL SECURE their health the ensuing season, by using the new AVTIDOTE TO MALARIA, called RHODES' FEVER AND AGUE CURE. It prevents or cures all forms of disease. Dr. CHENOWETH, Proprietor, Cincinnati.

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J. LOSEE, Proprietor,
No. 51 John-st., corner of Nassau.

CONTINUATION AUCTION SALE OF CHOICE OLD BRANDIES, WINES, &c., ON A HIGH COST, ALBERT H. NICOLAY will sell THIS DAY, (Wednesday) at 11 o'clock, the remaining portion of the balance of these very superb Brandies, Clarets, &c., which is a continuation of the sale of yesterday, being the remaining stock of one of our first importing houses, and are the pure stock, as they are to be sold only to actual purchasers for imported for family use. Catalogues now ready at the house. This sale offers unusual inducements, as it is the closing out of a large invoice, and we recommend the trade as well as private consumers to attend this sale. All the goods are in the cold without reserve, and every article warranted as represented. As our catalogue is too long to have each description, we refer to the advertisement of Mr. NICOLAY in another column.

DR. R. C. FITCH, AUTHOR OF THE "SIX LECTURES on Consumption," from New-York, has removed, and is pleased to afford relief to those who have been cured, or who have failed to be benefited by the quackery of medicine, for diseases of the lungs or throat. Consultations free except on Tuesdays, from 9 to 11 A.M. Thousands of cases of asthma, diseases of the heart, and all chronic diseases of nature and females. Consultation free. Dr. R. C. FITCH is always at home, and there is no person who knows, treatment or cure of disease in another can be more successful. Office and residence, 1 Bond-st. [illegible]

LACE CURTAINS, WINDOW SHADES, &c.—THE LADIES have a great advantage in dealing with large establishments, for the best assortment, the best goods, and the lowest prices. Reason in buying Lace Curtains, Oil Cloths and Window Shades of a regular manufacturer and importer, concerning his stock of KELLY & PHILLIPS, No. 335 Broadway, the patronized prize to a [illegible] well as any to the competitors of establishments from his extensive stock.

A LITTLE PLAIN VERSE:

The ex cotton supplies with KNOX hats,
Of beaver, silk or straw
They covers the age and the young, with those
Who've in their wax heads a prize.
Good fit, light, durable, and cheap
And cheaply form, in all be same supplied.
KNOX'S etc. on sale at Nos. 212 and 214 Broadway.

TO STRAW BONNET DEALERS.—WE ARE NOW prepared to offer a large and complete assortment of the Fall style of Straw Bonnets, consisting, in part, of the Fine Prince Poodle, Racine Dunstable and Split Straw Bonnets, all of which are of our own importation, and will be sold at the lowest market price. A. LELAND & CO., No. 31 Pearl-st.

SILK! SILK! AT 50 PER YARD.—WE WILL open, this day, three cases of Corded and Plain Silks, at 50 per yard; also, Black Silk Velvets, Dress and Cloak Silks, Plain Poplins, Brocade Poplins, Cords, Brown and White, for sporting dresses.

E. H. LEADBEATER & CO., No. 80 Broadway.

EMBROIDERIES.—A NEW LOT OF THIS RICH and new style will be offered this morning at great bargains; also, 300 dozen Ladies' hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, from 1c to 2c.; also, a large lot of [illegible] Cambric and Drapery Muslins, 10c. per yard, which will be sold at equal bargains.

E. H. LEADBEATER & CO., No. 80 Broadway.

SCROFULA, RHEUMATISM, &c.—HYATT'S LIFE BALSAM is an certain to cure the most [illegible] diseases as water is to quench thirst; such as Scrofula, Sores, Sore Legs, Rheumatism, Chronic Rheumatism, Old Sores, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Chronic Sore Eyes, Liver and Kidney complaints, General debility, Dropsy, Gravel, Piles, &c. &c. Prepared only by HYATT & BRO., Druggists, No. 100 Grand-st.; 75 cents per bottle.

CARPETING FOR FALL TRADE, 1855.—SMITH & LOUTHERY, No. 422 Broadway, have received the first invoice of the fall trade, consisting of Brussels, Tapestry and Ingrain Carpets, Tapestry and Brussels Carpets

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[illegible] like disposition, yet in New-Mexico they are
[illegible] peaceable.

Louis McCarty is named as a candidate for Representative of El Paso County.

No news from Santa Fé of importance, and no disturbance from the Indians on the route down.

Letter from Texas.

The Galveston News has a report from Palestine that Col. M. T. JOHNSON has withdrawn from the contest as a candidate for Governor, if this be true, the contest is restricted to FELCH and DICKSON.

The San Antonio Texan, of the 26th inst., says:

"Western Texas has been flooded by continued showers of late and we learn that in many places it is injuring the cotton crop. Gen. SMITH arrived in San Antonio on Monday last, and was greeted by a volume of thirteen guns.

We learn from the San Antonio Ledger that on the 19th inst., JOHN S. SHEHAN, late Clerk of the U. S. Quartermaster's Department in that city, was arrested and held to bail in the sum of $10,000 on a charge of larceny of an amount exceeding $9,000. There are two minor charges against him, on each of which he was held to bail in $100.

The Houston Telegraph of the 25th inst., says:

It is generally reported, and generally believed in the streets, that at a meeting of the Know Nothings held at the Court-house in this place on Monday night, the 23d inst., that wing of the party which was originally organized under the Louisiana rivals, "dissolved by mutual consent." From what we can gather, the immediate cause of dissatisfaction grew out of the anti-Catholic proclivities of the recent Philadelphia Convention, which proscriptive feeling the members here were unwilling to endorse. There is, however, another wing of the party, whose numbers are variously estimated at from 80 to 150, which stands up to the Philadelphia Platform.

THE THUNDER STORM.—The storm on Saturday, accompanied by lightning and violent wind, was destructive in many places. In Taunton, the house of Mr. GEO. H. BARNEY, High Sheriff of Bristol County, was struck by lightning, the chimneys knocked down, the windows shattered, &c. Two children were thrown across the room, one of whom was somewhat burned, but not seriously injured. By a freak of the fluid, the shoes of one of the children were taken from its feet. At North Rochester, Mass., Mrs. SHILES, while in the act of closing a window, was struck by lightning, and instantly killed. She was about 35 years of age. No mark of the fluid was perceptible on her person. The house of THOMAS JACKSON, No. 16 Nursery-street, North Salem, was struck by lightning and damaged to the amount of one or two hundred dollars. The family were fortunately absent at the time. A barn owned by Mr. JOSEPH TOMAN, in Sharon, was struck by lightning during the shower, and consumed, together with about 100 tons of hay including the last load which had been "safely housed" as the shower came up, and was standing on the ground. The house belonging to McMANUS, in Washington street, South Canton, was struck by lightning, which has led down the chimney and made almost an entire wreck of the house, plowing up the ground outside in various eccentric directions as it made its escape. On the line of the Boston and Maine Railroad, near Reading, there was for a few moments quite a severe hail-storm.—Boston Bee.

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A CARD.—H. PEUGNET having closed his French Boarding and Day School for Young Gentlemen in which I have been a Professor for the last three years, begs to inform my friends and the public that I shall resume on the 12th of September next, in the same house, No. 43 East 26th-st., an establishment on a similar character. Prospectuses, with full details, references and a letter from H. PEUGNET, to be had by application as above.

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MISS HAINES.—Begs respectfully to give notice to her friends and the public that her school, No. 17 Gramercy-park, will commence on TUESDAY, September 11. Circulars may be obtained at the Bookstores of Messrs. C. S. FRANCIS & CO., No. 252 Broadway, or at Messrs. DOBBS & NIXON's, No. 21 Park-place. Applications for the admission of pupils can be made by letter, addressed to Miss HAINES, at her residence.

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YOUNG LADIES' SCHOOL.—Miss HAVENS will re-open her School for Young ladies, at No. 9 9th-st., on THURSDAY, Sept. 13. Her School circulars may be obtained at the office of the Howard Insurance Co., No. 6 Wall-st., of Messrs. RETCHUM, ROGERS & BEMENT, No. 48 William-st., of H. B. HAVENS, Esq., No. 38 Wall-st., and at her residence. She will be at home after Sept. 5.

MRS. CHEGARAY'S DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.—Mme. CHEGARAY respectfully informs the parents and guardians of her pupils and the public generally, that the above institution will be reopened on Thursday, the 13th of September 1855.

MISS BALLOW'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.—No. 34 East 20th-st., will be reopened on THURSDAY, Sept. 13.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST.—This morning, (7th inst.), a package containing the following Bond and Notes: Bond of the Union Hotel, payable to the order of J. F. Purdy, for $500; note of J. Warren Rogers, payable to the order

FOREIGN EXTRACTS.

The Idea of Divorce in England—Mrs. Norton's Case.

From the London Leader, July 21.

There is a skeleton, it is said, in every house, but, by a peculiar hypocrisy, almost unparalleled in the history of mankind, English society seems to regard the domestic eccentricity, and affects to disbelieve in the existence of skeletons anywhere, except in disreputable neighborhoods or ill-regulated families.

Never is so greater instances of flagrant injustice whenever there principle of equity, humanity, and decency, then the existing law with respect to divorce. The Judges of the land, the chancellors and ecclesiastics, the Law Lords, the lawyers in the ecclesiastical courts, Bishops and lay saints, agree to report that some change ought to take place. Almost all. They admit the causes of divorce existing as much among the poor as among the rich, of persons diverse from the bond of marriage, of persons who ought to be absolved without an Act of Parliament, of the hundreds of pounds which that Parliament costs. The law is open to all men, and Mary Stevenson and Dinah his wife, the humble pedlers, may obtain a divorce, if they will procure the witnesses, arrange the evidence, employ the counsel, and pay for the Act of Parliament. Lords and Dukes generally go a shorter way to work, and render themselves open to various criminal and civil proceedings.

One interested victim, Mrs. Norton—pleading under a bondage where she is bound yet alone, enslaved yet protectorless—has put forth an eloquent appeal in "A Letter to the Queen," on that Divorce Bill with which Lord Chancellor Cranworth has tantalized Parliament, and the hopes of Mr. Mackenzie's legion. Mrs. Norton shows how in the existing state of the law a woman may be exposed to persecution of every kind. She was charged with infidelity to her husband in an action brought against Lord Melbourne, and although, as she affirms in the most solemn handwriting, innocent, and prepared to establish her innocence, she was shut out from the Court. She was separated from her husband by consent, and after separation he invades her separate property, examines the books at her bankers, subpœnas her publishers, and compels them to declare what are the copyrights they hold, what the sums they paid Mrs Norton; thus rendering her feel that even the earnings of her pen are not her own in law—for, "amazing to say," she observes, "the copyright of my works, my my very soul and brains, are not my own." One of the tradesmen sued on a contract undertaken by Mrs. Norton to pay his wife; but it resulted from the trial that "the creditors cannot sue the 'non-existent' married woman; the husband cannot contract with a 'non-existent' married woman; and the 'non-existent' married woman cannot be compelled to pay if she refuses to discharge the debt." Mr. Norton sent her letters signed "GREENACRE," inviting her to meet him in an empty house; and when she declined to return to him, he advertised her in the papers as having left him her family and home. Her husband has stopped £1,500 of her year's income, and she cannot raise it. "No one would lend money to a married woman; she can give no security." But it is impossible to follow this amazing case here or the details of its injustice.

"I declare," says the injured wife, summing up her case, "upon the best testimonies of God, that I was and have MADE MYSELF BLAMELESS; and what is more, I do not believe (and nothing shall ever make me believe) that Mr. Norton ever thought that I was. It is that miserable lust in the root of all my bitterness, and of all his ingratitude!" He never had a real motive (not even an subject one) to make him conceit it. He knew, perhaps, he was false, but what he thought necessary and just, but what he imagined would "silence," had nevertheless one thing appeared to him, and sometimes seemed, to be wrongly the course he took respecting me and my children, in 1852, when he wrote to me, in the old manner, that he is two thousand a year richer. He thought his defence in the tradesmen's notes, in 1852, would answer; and so he is and answer, that he is five hundred a year the richer. But he never believed the accusations on which he has twice founded his grateful measures of expulsion, or, if he did, he knew that he had been guilty of the same offence towards them, or where they have published his acknowledgment.

"I venture not to be persuaded that any and, by most innumerable injustice, should serve a more purpose of interest or vengeance; I might not to be persuaded that any man should make the law his minister, in seeking out that which is just, but that which may 'enhance.'"

Ought this to be? *That* question is the gist of Mrs. Norton's letter to the Queen. She establishes her case by reference to the testimony of Sir JOHN BAYLEY, Lord WYNFORD, and many other lawyers who are the enemies of them on Mr. NORTON's own side. She is quite right when she says, that *if* she had committed the offence charged against her, she would have escaped freedom from her husband, and as well established witnesses before the law. Nay, if her husband had been more successful, and had succeeded, however falsely, in establishing the charge against her, she would have been free. More than one story shows what may be done by breaking the law instead of obeying it.

There is a case before the House of Lords this week—SUMNER's divorce. In 1840, PENELOPE LUCINA MARIA VALGANACHE was married to MORTON CORNISH SUMNER, only son of Mr. RICHARD SUMNER, of Potesham Priory, in Surry; and in 1850, MORTON seeks a divorce from his wife. The whole story has happened in the interval. In 1848, soon after their marriage at Corfu, PENELOPE writes to her husband's parents, telling them that MORTON has been severely ill under an attack of brain fever. She speaks kindly of him, and evidently she devoted herself to protect his shattered health. Some few months afterwards a fall brought on a premature confinement, and she gave birth to a child. The couple returned to the Ionian Islands, they traveled in Germany, they came to England, and here, in 1850, Mrs. MORTON meets her husband's parents. By this time she had conceived a repugnance to her husband, whom she declares to have been in such a state of health, that, in point of fact, he had never been a husband to her. How then could she have given birth to a child? It is his father that asks the question. It must be remembered that the child was born within five months and one week of the marriage. To the father's inquiry, she answers that Mr. SUMNER was not the father of that child, and that she would swear to it. She leaves her husband; is lost to his view for some time; writes that she has procured a divorce in America, and at Corfu again marries a certain NICHOLAS KALLIGARI, with whom she is now, apparently, at Corfu or Bucharest. The summons to appear before the House of Lords pursues her to Turkey; and throwing her arms around her second husband, she hopes that in any new marriage which MORTON may contract, he may be as happy as she is now. The story is told before the House of Lords this week, and on the deposition of their own messenger, the Lords have no doubt as to the adultery, since Mrs. MORTON SUMNER has married a second time. Sometimes we call this bigamy; to the House of Lords, viewing it technically, *pro hac vice*, it is adultery; and the Lord Chancellor "moves that SUMNER's Divorce Bill be read a second time." MORTON is free, and so is PENELOPE.

Mrs. NORTON might attain her object, if her husband were more unscrupulous than she paints him. Another story has already been told in print, although it does not stand very conspicuously before the public. A gentleman of property is married to a lady of good connections, and of some attractions, but his desire for an heir is not gratified. He appears to be an attached husband, and certainly the lady is an attached wife. She is attentive to the household and watches over his interests as carefully as if he were not himself captious and niggardly. Suddenly, however, he brings forward a story that she is too familiar with one of the grooms; that she has proceeded to the last familiarities, and has even made herself notorious in the stable-yard! This statement, accompanied by very circumstantial details, is held to her father, and is believed! The lady immediately leaves the calumny. Other servants are not to watch or to persecute her; the husband taking advantage of her position to become a common talk of the servants. The husband, said the story, does not appear to disbelieve it, but [illegible] the matter. Perhaps, if the but [illegible] it would have been as useful as if the story had been true. Let the husband himself a lady living in a country house, [illegible] and subjected to treatment of the kind, [illegible] her, her servants conspiring against her, the butler insolently and alarmingly invading her very bedroom at night. The lady actually goes mad; and, being mad, confesses that her husband's story is true. The mistrust of the wife is proved by the circumstantial statement of some servant, and by a number of facts collected elsewhere, which are incompatible with the story. A judgment of the Ecclesiastical Court, however, has pronounced a divorce a mensa et thoro, and the husband's way to a bill in Parliament appears to be clear. Such is the story told in a pamphlet by Mr. JOHN PARRY, the barrister acting on behalf of the husband in the case of [illegible] PALMER, Esq., Q.C., M.P. [illegible] Mrs. PALMER [illegible] PARRY [illegible] WILLIAMS, [illegible] and in a happy

women. No ecclesiastical offence has been proved against Mrs. NORTON; she is a "married woman" in law—in a condition worse than the slave's, for she is bound, yet unprotected.

THE FOURTH OF JULY IN ENGLAND:

Address of the United Kingdom Alliance to the Citizens of the State of New-York.

On this auspicious and glorious Fourth of July, you are assisting at freedom and entering on a struggle not less momentous and honorable than that contemplated by your patriot forefathers when solemnly pledging to each other their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, and appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world, they declared the United Colonies were, and of right ought to be, free and independent States. History has recorded the Fourth of July, 1776, as a day of moral heroism. Posterity and the voice of humanity have ratified the act of that day as worthy of the political freedom inaugurated; and we recognize in the events transpiring among you this day, the commencement of a moral and social revolution, even more vast in its influence upon America and the world.

While we reverence the past and congratulate yourselves the present, we look with anxious hope to the future. Free institutions, and all the advantages of personal and popular enlightenment, have not preserved your country from the tyranny of intemperance. That fearful shraldom has fettered all parts of your Republic, and has bound you, as it has the rest of the world, in chains more powerful than the vengeance of despots, more degrading than the debasement of the serf. But we rejoice to know that you have resolved to be indeed free. "Yourselves have struck the blow." We accept, as an augury of success, the appointment of this day as the first of the struggle against the strong hold of the tyrant, and we doubt not that by God's help you will carry the Cause to triumph.

We owe America much in this matter. It was among you that the Temperance Enterprise struck its deepest root many years ago. To you and the zeal of your BEECHERS and CHEEVERS, are we indebted for much of the rapid progress of a cause which, in its relation to individual and social welfare, has done so much. We thank you for the spectacle of men able to deny themselves, and to induce their fellows to abandon all attachments to fatal habits; but we are now called on to adjure a Nation resolved at all sacrifices to uproot a social institution which ruins and destroys the people.

It will add vigor to your resolution and decision to your counsels, to know that we are following your steps. Not only in our Colonies, but among our people at home the prohibition of the drink traffic has become the rallying ground of a great party. The glorious tidings which reached us from your State, carried the conviction of many of our statesmen. You have now secured the Law—see that it be enforced. Your influence is not bounded by the Atlantic. *Your success will be ours.* Your failure would be our discouragement. Let us urge you to redoubled vigilance. The enemy is on the alert. Your work is not ended, it is only begun. To shrink now would be treachery. You have won the outworks. The citadel is before you. God be thanked for what you have accomplished! God give you strength to complete and establish the Victory.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Council of the United Kingdom Alliance.

WM. HARVEY, Chairman.
NATHL. CARD, Treasurer.
SAMUEL POPE, Hon. Secy.
THOS. BARKER, Secy. U. K. A.

And ratified by an Assembly of upwards of eight thousand persons assembled in the Grounds of Alvaston Castle, on the 4th of July, 1855.

Musical and Dramatic Items.

MEYERBEER's "L'Etoile du Nord" was produced under the direction of the composer, at the Royal Italian Opera, London, on the 19th of last month. The London *Times* in a short preliminary notice of the performance, says: "The dialogue, spoken at the Opera Comique, has been turned by the composer into accompanied recitative, which thus gives to the new work the style and proportions of what is technically denominated 'grand opera,' and fits it for the exigencies of the Italian stage. A more brilliant success could not have been achieved. Nor was ever success more amply merited. The general executions was admirable—marvellous, indeed, when it is considered that this was the first performance of one of the most difficult operas ever written,—an opera which took the Parisians, so much more experienced then ourselves, in the production of entertainments on a vast scale, upwards of six months to prepare. Long as was the performance (and it was nearly a quarter to one before it terminated), we never remember to have seen a densely crowded audience more thoroughly delighted. To say nothing of the well-deserved compliments to Mme. BOSIO, Herr FORNI, Signor LABLACHE, and the other principal singers, M. MEYERBEER was twice brought before the curtain at the end of the second act, amid enthusiastic cheering, and again at the conclusion of the opera, when he came on with all the performers, and the stage was literally covered with wreaths and bouquets. Another call—and one as richly deserved as that awarded to the celebrated composer himself—was for Mr. COSTA, whose exertions in getting up the opera so quickly, and at the same time so efficiently, must have been unparalleled. Notwithstanding the varied and elaborate choruses, the unusual number of supernumeraries, the complicated stage accessories, and the highly-wrought concerted music, in which the "L'Etoile du Nord" abounds, there was scarcely a weak point in the whole performance. The orchestra of the Royal Italian Opera has *accustomed the public to such tours de force*; but on the present occasion the chorus, and, indeed, *everything else, was just as perfect as the orchestra.* Besides the singers we have mentioned, Mlle. MARAI, Mlle. JENNY BAUER, Mme. RUDERSDORFF, Signori GARDONI, LUCCHESI, TAGLIAFICO, ZELGER, POLONINI, &c., had parts in the opera; and a more earnest desire on all hands to give every possible effect to a great work has seldom been exhibited in a public theatre. That this was strictly due to one who has had so much to do with the prosperity of the Royal Italian Opera cannot be denied; but debts of honor are rarely paid with such hearty and unanimous good will: and M. MEYERBEER must be the most exacting of composers if he was not really (as he appeared) satisfied and pleased.

The Birmingham (England) Musical Festival comes off on the four last days of the present month. The preparations for this meeting are this year on a scale of unexampled liberality, the programme before us showing that the Committee have determined on sparing no efforts to maintain the celebrity which the Festivals of Birmingham long since acquired. We are informed that greater care than ever has been bestowed, in selecting the members of the choral department, which in strength consists of about three hundred and fifty performers; a fair proportion of these are from the metropolis, and from Bradford and its neighborhood a considerable number have been obtained. Such arrangements are, we believe, being made as will secure the very highest perfection in the execution of the choruses, a matter to which sufficient attention is seldom paid. The band consists of about one hundred and fifty performers, so that, combined, we shall have an array of five hundred in the orchestra. The principal vocalists include, Madame GRIZI, Mademoiselle BOSIO, Madame RUDERSDORFF, Madame CASTELLAN, Madame VIARDOT, and Miss DOLBY. There are four tenors: Signor MARIO, Signor GARDONI, Herr REICHARDT, and Mr. SIMS REEVES; to these are added Signor LABLACHE, Mr. WEISS, and Herr FORMES. Mr. COSTA conducts, as usual. One of the principal attractions of the Festival, so far as the musical world is concerned, will be the performance of Mr. COSTA's new oratorio, entitled "Eli," which has been written for this meeting; the subject is from the first four chapters of the 1st Book of Samuel. The words have been composed by Mr. WILLIAM BARTHOLOMEW. The oratorio itself, especially the choruses, is represented to us as highly effective, and the charm of novelty which its first performance presents will add in a peculiar degree to the interest with which the Birmingham Festival is always regarded. The selections are unexceptionable; on Tuesday morning the "Elijah" is to be performed; on Wednesday the new oratorio; on Thursday, the "Messiah;" and on Friday, BEETHOVEN's "Mount of Olives," MOZART's "Requiem," and a selection from HANDEL's "Israel in Egypt." The three evenings are devoted to the usual class of concerted music. Glancing over the programme, we observe on Tuesday evening Mr. MACFARREN's cantata "Lenore;" on Wednesday, we have, *inter alia*, MEYERBEER's "Lovely" and selections from "The Huguenots;" and on Thursday, BEETHOVEN's Pastoral Symphony, with selections from the "Etoile du Nord," &c. The programme presents the appearance of having been very carefully and judiciously prepared. The magnificent hall is undergoing a very elaborate course of decoration suitable to the architecture of the building. From the descriptions which have appeared in the local papers the decorations, of the most elegant character, the ceiling being studded with three drinking pa-

banquet at which we are informed to RAFFAELLI's guests. The course of dinning is to be entirely changed; the hour fixed to be twilight in the three compartments of the ceiling, more than 1,200 burners are being employed to obtaining sufficient illumination.

The farewell benefit of Mr. FARREN took place at the Haymarket Theatre, on the 16th July, when a very large number of persons were unable to obtain admission, in consequence of the crowded state of the house, which was completely crammed in every comer shortly after the opening of the doors. Nearly all the great English performers of the day represented to give due importance and effect to this most interesting leave-taking; and the entertainments throughout, might well challenge the severest criticism, were not criticism of any kind out of place upon such an occasion. It was the evening for sentiment rather than judgment—appealing to the heart rather than to the reason. An old favorite—one of the greatest actors that ever trod the British stage, which can boast so many—was to bid adieu to the public that his talent had delighted and instructed for half a century, and his brother artists, who thronged around him, came, no less than the audience, to pay their last tribute of love and respect to the veteran. It were ungenerous, then, to examine how things were done, or to make any distinction between the first actor and the last, for all were animated by one spirit, and did their best to please. We may state, however, that the chief performers—Miss HELEN FAUCIT, Mrs. STIRLING, Mrs. KEELEY, Madame CELESTE, Messrs. KEELEY, BUCKSTONE, COMPTON and HARLEY—were greatly received on coming upon the stage, and recalled, with acclamations, after their respective performances; that Mr. SIMS REEVES and Mr. ALBERT SMITH were similarly complimented, *encored* in their vocal efforts, which, though possessing merits widely different in character, were both most admirable in their way. Mr. W. FARREN bore up manfully against the deep emotion which such a scene could not fail to create, and, as *Lord Ogleby*, went through the one scene of "The Clandestine Marriage," included in the programme, better than could reasonably have been expected under the circumstances. His subsequent attempts, however, to address the audience—who *would* cheer and wave hats or handkerchiefs with unremitting zeal, and surrounded by his brother artists, who gazed on him with moistened eyes, or wring his hand with affectionate reverence—were entirely fruitless. The parting words of gratitude were essayed again and again, but hysterical sobs choked their utterance. The curtain was raised once more, by the unanimous demand of the audience—the cheering was repeated even more vigorously than before—and then—Mr. FARREN's long and honorable career as a public man terminated forever.

A new piece has been produced at the London Princess's Theatre, under the somewhat whimsical title of "How Stout you're Getting!" As may be supposed, it is of a very light description, has scarcely any of the components that constitute a regular plot, and turns entirely on smart dialogue, humorous repartee, and practical fun, comprised in the distress of a little fat gentleman, Mr. PLUMMY, a chemist and druggist, who has no idea that he is becoming corpulent, until constantly told by his wife and others that he visibly expands in circumference and weight, as a natural consequence of indolent and gormandizing habits. Mrs. PLUMMY comforts him by saying that she cannot endure the thoughts of such a change in his figure, and Dr. DULCET, his physician in ordinary, has delivered his professional opinion that if he once reaches thirteen stone he will go on increasing in bulk until he represents a gigantic animated pumpkin. PLUMMY upon this commences a series of reducing experiments, under which process he keeps running to a weighing machine to ascertain their effect. But he has received payment of two accounts in bags of silver, and, forgetting that he has thrust them into his pockets, falls into utter despair at finding himself some pounds heavier than he was before he put himself under a course of gymnastics. He relieves his servant MARGERY, who is deaf, from much of her domestic work, draws the water from the well, brings up the coals from the cellar, mounts a ladder to hang up a picture, and narrowly escapes breaking his neck; spars and dances a polka with SLIDE, a professor of pugilism and the art athletic, as fat as himself; and finally determines on a tour to Switzerland with Mrs. PLUMMY, that he may try the ascent of Mont Blanc as a last resource. From these limited materials a very amusing bagatelle is constructed, which produces uninterrupted merriment for forty minutes. The piece depends entirely on the acting.

Charley Burr.

"Married, on the 23d inst., at Saratoga Spa, Mr. CHARLES BURR to Miss. MARY ELLEN, daughter of the late Rev. SAMUEL YOUNG."

"CHARLEY BURR," as he is known by most of our long resident citizens, was the son of a very wealthy father. That father died in the early part of November, 1844, worth, according to the judgment of the appraisers, $430,000. "CHARLEY" was an only child, and hence would be, without the intervention of a will, his only heir.

The son was of a strange cast of mind. Some cause had shaken his intellect, and made him at times "put strange antics on;" and yet those who knew him best, and especially those who imagined the cause, never doubted his sanity. His father treated him with disdain and contumely, contributed in nowise to his support, refused intercourse with him, and denied him the shelter of his roof. BURR, for many years was thus an outcast. He lived upon the cold charities of the world, gathering at times a starving subsistence by peddling books. Some few humble citizens of Albany, to whom he attached himself, *gave him at times bread and shelter.* All this while lived in them vintage, several collateral relatives of the father and his heir at-law, in the absence or case of disfranchisement of the son. That the father would utterly disinherit the son, no one ever doubted. Those relatives were all *rich*, and yet poor CHARLEY BURR eked out an existence for years by peddling books at their door. He was recognized only as a repulsive mendicant in the streets.

At length the father died, with his coffers of wealth filled full about him. His relatives *knew*, and every one supposed, that he had left a will. But the search even of avarice and of most bitter chagrin, could not find any. CHARLEY BURR, the beggar, was by law, and the fortune of his father's sudden death, the possessor of a world of wealth. His relatives and new-born friends forthwith declared him insane, and with a kindly motive of saving his property from waste, applied for a commission of lunacy. The application was made to the Chancellor on the 16th November, 1844, and upon the petition of a relative residing in this city. No one doubts what would have been the result had BURR resisted it; but he, for some inducement or reason, consented to a decree that his property might be secured from the reach of casualty, and a man servant was selected to wait upon his outgoings and incomings. JOHN CRAMER was appointed the committee of his estate, and BENJAMIN F. HOAG the committee of his person. From that period down, the dockets of the Court abound with applications for divers purposes. A clerk was appointed to keep accounts; solicitor's fees were audited; the salaries of the clerk and servant were increased from time to time; books and furniture were authorized to be given Burr, &c.

By the terms of the decree of insanity, BURR could not by will or otherwise dispose of his property. It was shut up within the keeping of chancery and his committee, to descend at his death, to his legal heirs. But in the early part of 1847, he made application for a modification of the decree in this respect, so that he could dispose of his property. This application was supported by the testimony of physicians and other reputable witnesses, as to his sanity, and on the 26th of May, 1847, chancery yielded to the pressure of truth and justice, and thus modified the decree. So that from that time, BURR was the absolute and unrestrained owner of his immense estate. His "keeper" has been retained about him from prudential motives, and he has enjoyed the full fruition of his wealth.

The sequel to this "strange, eventful story," is written above. No one living ever dreamed that CHARLEY BURR would marry. And yet he has, and, as the story runs, has made a marriage settlement of half his wealth upon his wife. And more than all is the startling fact to *some*, that if he shall have issue of this marriage the large balance of his wealth will go in a direction most totally adverse to his *father's* purposes and *others'* long awaiting hopes.—*State Police Tribune.*

We learn that Hon. M. SCHOONMAKER, Superintendent of the Bank Department, has in preparation a valuable work. It is a compilation of the banking laws of the State, arranged for convenient reference, according to subjects. An appendix is to contain forms and other matters of interest to those having business to transact with the Bank Department. The need of such a work has long been felt, and to a large class it is almost indispensable. Mr. SCHOONMAKER's position and abilities well qualify him to make it all that it should be.—*Evening Journal, Aug. 7.*

Great Robbery at Congress Hall—$15,000 Worth of Property Stolen.

From the Saratoga Daily News, Aug. 6.

One of the most daring robberies that has taken place at Saratoga occurred on Sunday morning at Congress Hall. The room of Mr. HALSEY, of Ithaca, was opened by some adroit thieves, and nine Williamsport and Elmira Railroad First Mortgage Bonds of $1,000 each, numbered somewhere between 50 and 70; a lot of diamond jewelry, part of four sets, valued at $4,000 to $5,000 about $500 in bank bills, and a valuable gold watch, were taken from his trunk. The robbery was discovered in the course of three or four hours, and in a short time our whole Police force were out on the look out.

At the 1 o'clock dinner, Mr. EDWARD SKIDMORE, a reporter of the New-York *Evening Post*, thought he recognized on the other side of the table a fellow, who had been arrested in New-York and brought to the Mayor's office on a criminal charge. After careful scrutiny he was satisfied it was the same man, and he believed him to be a burglar. (Afterwards gave his name as EDDY.)

The man got through with his dinner first and left the hall. Upon Mr. SKIDMORE entering the office he mentioned his suspicion to Mr. SWINEY, and a watch was set upon his movements. The fellow seemed to be under the impression that some one had spotted him, and in a second or two afterwards left and crossed over to the side of Union Hall and walked very fast. By this time Mr. C. HATHORN, connected with Congress Hall, was on his track and followed him some distance above the Columbia Hotel, when HENDERSON met him and they proceeded together to Greenfield-avenue, where they met KINGSBURY, and the three went into adjacent woods. Mr. H. then put MILES STEELE on their track and returned for Mr. VINEAR. They together proceeded to Congress Hall, where the fellows soon returned and were arrested.

After taking the testimony of Messrs. HALSEY and HATHORN, the prisoners were all committed to jail, and the examination was adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Each were found with tools for opening doors and trunks, such as nippers, skeleton keys, &c. They gave their names as Wm. HENDERSON, GEO. EDDY and ABRAM M. KINGSBURY.

A man recognizes HENDERSON as an old State Prison bird, who has served a time in the weaving room at one of our State institutions. There is no doubt but all of them are old offenders. KINGSBURY was quite communicative to the officers, and told them that he had cautioned the others that they were known.

KINGSBURY is an oldish man with white hair, about five feet six, slim, and the most honest looking of the three. EDDY is a stout man weighing over 160 we think, with full face and large head. HENDERSON is about five feet six inches tall, very well proportioned, with a rascally looking face. Says he has been peddling books. EDDY had no baggage, or none could be found, whilst the others had carpet bags.

The following letter was found in EDDY's pocket:

ALBANY, July 16, 1855.

H. VAN TILL, Esq.—*Dear Sir:* I regret that I did not see you on my return from Long Island. Your friend came as far as Riverhead. When I returned he had left. I dared not make any inquiries about him. Have the kindness when your father writes to let me know. I will be going West in a few days. I wish you could come. When in Buffalo I stop at the Dayton House. The proprietor is IRA CATLING. He will tell you where I am gone, if you will call there. If you come to Albany, I hope you will call.

Yours truly, FANNING.

Enclosed in the letter was the card of JAMES FANNAN, Land Agent, No. 442 Broadway, Albany.

From the Daily Saratogian.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

The old man KINGSBURY was seen in the same hall in which the robbery was perpetrated, before daylight on Sunday morning. All three of the chaps in custody had been stopping at the Congress Hall three or four days.

FANNAN the "land agent," above mentioned was in town, and was taken into custody this morning, but nothing was found upon him or among his baggage. He admitted that the card was his, but denied having written the letter. He was allowed to depart. Another person, a gentleman of Albany, was also subjected to examination, because he had been seen in FANNAN's company. Nothing was found to justify suspicion.

Robbery and Murder.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel, Aug. 3.

One of the most diabolical murders in the history of this State was committed between 11 and 12 o'clock of Wednesday night last, about a mile east of West Bend, Washington County. A farmer named JOHN MUEHR, a native of Bavaria, and a man of excellent character, was about retiring to his bed, when a young man named GEORGE DEBEAR, or DE BEAR, came to the door and asked for a drink of water. The farmer replied that "He would not ask him to drink water in his house—he would give him something better;" and taking a mug, raised the trap door of the cellar, and was going down—his head being about two feet above the floor—when DE BEAR struck him with a hammer, fracturing his skull, and knocking him down the steps, the trap door closing after him. Mrs. MUEHR, seeing her husband thus struck, ran *for the woods to call a neighbor. The murderer chased her, armed with a knife, and, overtaking her, aimed a stab at her neck, cutting her head half off!* She fell instantly as though dead. The hired *boy, who was alone in the house*, and witnessed the attack upon MUEHR, had run for a patch of *corn, and the murderer, after killing, as he supposed*, the woman, and hearing the boy screaming *murder, chased him through the corn-field*, and, coming up with him, stuck the knife clear through his neck, *killing him instantly!*

DE BEAR then returned to the house, and robbing it of $80, which MUEHR had received the same day, for a pair of steers which he had sold, set fire to the house, and went for the body of the boy and dragged it back to the house, with the intention, it is thought, of throwing it into the flames; but left it close to the burning house. In the meantime, Mrs. MUEHR had recovered sufficiently to creep away, and when the murderer came to where he had left the body of the woman, and found it gone, he appears to have fled.

Mrs. MUEHR succeeding in crawling on her hands and knees to a neighbor's house, and gave the alarm. The Sheriff of Washington County and his Deputies, started men in all directions to search for DE BEAR, and he has offered a reward of $100. MUEHR formerly lived in Milwaukee—was, we understand, when here, a butcher—had been married about one year, and bore a first-rate character among his neighbors. The name of his hired boy we were unable to learn, and all the particulars we could obtain were that his father and mother resided in Port Washington.

Mrs. MUEHR was not expected to live an hour, and her husband, with his skull completely smashed in, was expected to die every moment, when the officers left. The murderer, who has relatives living in Mayville, in this State, is an American—had worked in that neighborhood for upwards of a year—six months for JACOB YOUNG, and the same length of time for CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

DEBEAR was arrested last night at Best's Beer Hall in the First Ward, where he was recognized by two Germans from West Bend, cousins of Mr. MUEHR. Assistance was called for, and DEBEAR was arrested by Deputy Sheriff WARDS, and taken to jail, amid much excitement and many threats of violence. He protests his innocence of the crime laid to his charge.

MORE OF THE CAROLINE BAGLEY CASE.—We gave last week some account of the suicide of Miss CAROLINE BAGLEY, at the Eagle Hotel. Coroner QUINN has been in Auburn for a day or two and communicates to us some facts of interest. It turns out that the man, JAMES DECKER, who swore he was a "distant relation" of Miss BAGLEY, is actually her father. He has had three wives, and CAROLINE was the daughter of his second wife. Her mother died when she was nine years old. CAROLINE grew up unrestrained, but was a good and virtuous girl. Her father married the third time, and CAROLINE lived there three years. She then went to live with Mrs. DECKER, the sister of her stepmother, owing to some disagreements between her and her stepmother. This again caused hard feeling, but CAROLINE deemed Mrs. D. her best friend, and stayed with her. CAROLINE was courted by a man in Syracuse, whom she said she would dismiss as she did not like him. He was different from what she had expected. The result of these family matters, was that her father drove CAROLINE from his door. Stories affecting her reputation were circulated, and coming back from Syracuse, she found even the doors of her former friends closed against her. The poor girl, reckless, and despairing, came to this city and committed suicide. The sad story carries with it its own comment. We can hardly conceive of a man standing by the dead body of his daughter and disowning the relationship, especially when that daughter was known and proved to be pure and virtuous. It is a sad story all around of neglect above and frailty when the commonest instincts of our nature called for care, kindness, and love.—*Rochester Democrat.*

MARKET REPORTS.

Markets.—Correctly reported for the N. Y. Daily Times.

TUESDAY, Aug. 7—5 P. M.

ASHES—There have been 200 bbls. sold within the past two days, at $6 25@$6 37½ for Pearls, and $6 25 for Pots. ₩ 100 lbs.

BEESWAX—About 1,000 lbs. Yellow changed hands at former rates.

CANDLES—Are quiet, but steady. The supply is moderate.

COFFEE—Sales were made to-day of 250 bags Laguayra and Maracaibo, at 11c@11½c., and 1,100 Rio at 10c.@11½c., ₩ lb.—showing an unsettled market.

COFFEE—The demand is very limited, but prices are without change.

COTTON—Is pretty actively sought after, and is increasing in value. A fair business was reported to-day, within our range:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.	Uplands.	Florida.	Mobile.	New-Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary, ₩ lb.	9½	9½	9½	9½
Middling	11½	11½	11½	11½
Middling Fair	11½	11½	12c	12c
Fair	12½	12c	12	12½

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western brands are dull and drooping. The stock is not a large one, but is more than adequate to the wants of buyers, who are determined only what they can do without, in anticipation of better supplies and cheaper prices. The day's sales include 5,000 bbls., within our range:

Ordinary State	$6 12½@$6 25
Straight State	6 30 @ 6 37½
Favorite and Extra State	6 37½@ 6 62½
Mixed Western	6 50 @ 6 62½
Common to good Indiana and Michigan	6 50@ 6 87½
Fancy Michigan	6 37½@ 6 50
Common to good Ohio	6 50 @ 6 75
Fancy Ohio	6 75 @ 6 87½
Extra Ohio	6 50 @11 00
Extra Indiana and Michigan	6 50@11 00
Fancy Genesee	6 50@ 6 87½
Canadian is quiet and languid. 1,000 bbls. inferior common to choice extra brands brought $6 37½@$6 87½ ₩ bbl. Southern appears dull and heavy at former rates. 200 bbls. were disposed of at $6 62½@$11 for low mixed to extra, ₩ bbl. Rye Flour remains inactive, but steady, at $6 75@$6 50 ₩ bbl. Jersey Corn Meal is retailing only at $4 62½ ₩ bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat is still rather rare and unsettled. The day's transactions amount to 16,000 bushels Southern at $2 05@$2 10½ for white; and $1 77½@$1 85 for red, ₩ bushel. Rye and Barley continue as previously reported. State and Western Oats are inactive and languid at 50c.@53c. ₩ bushel. Corn is sparingly offered and is in rather better request, at former prices. The day's operations amount to 36,000 bushels. Western mixed, mainly at 56c. ₩ bushel.

HAY—There were 250 bales River sold at from $1 35@$1 42½ ₩ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Rule dull and heavy at drooping rates. The stock is not large, but is freely offered, while there exists but a very slack demand.

IRON—We heard that 200 tons Scotch Pig found buyers, mostly at $31½@$32½, usual terms, ₩ ton. Other descriptions are as last noticed.

LATHS—Eastern are more salable, but not dearer.

LEAD—The inquiry is still inanimate at unchanged prices.

LIME—Pending anticipated arrivals, Rockland is quiet, but stiffly held, at 85c. for common, and $1 20 for Lump, ₩ bbl.

MOLASSES—The transactions of the day have been unimportant, owing to the scanty supply in market and the high rates claimed by factors.

NAVAL STORES—Tar and Crude Turpentine are without variation. Spirits Turpentine sells pretty freely at 41c@41½c. ₩ gallon, with a slight tendency to rise. Common Rosin is quiet, but quoted firm at $1 75@$1 80 ₩ 310 lbs., delivered. White Rosin has now varied.

OILS—Nothing particularly new can be noticed in Whale, Sperm, or Olives. Linseed is less inquired after, but is held at 84c. ₩ gal. The supply is moderate. Lard Oil is dull and heavy at old figures.

PROVISIONS—Pork is in fair request and evinces a little more firmness, the day's business embracing 600 bbls., in lots, at $16 62½@$16 75 for New-Mess; and $16 50@$16 75 for New Prime, with $19 37½ for Old Mess, ₩ bbl. Cut Meats remain inactive, but firm at 9½c.@11c. for Hams, and 8½c.@8½c. for Shoulders, ₩ lb., with a limited business. Lard is doing better, the day's sales including 600 bbls. and tcs. fair to prime at 10½c.@11c., ₩ lb., for in good request at full rates; 500 bbls. were disposed of during the day at $9 75@$10 25 for Prime; $11@$13 for Country Mess; $15 50@$16 for repacked Mess, and $17 for extra do., ₩ bbl. Prime Mess Beef continues dull and heavy, within a range of from $8 25@$8 ₩ tc. Beef Hams remain inactive and languid at from $18@$18½ ₩ bbl. Butter is in demand at 15c.@19c. for Ohio; 17c.@21c. for ordinary to good State, and 22c.@25c. for choice do., ₩ lb. Cheese is selling at from 6c.@10c. ₩ lb.

RICE—There were 100 tierces sold to-day, at unchanged figures.

SEEDS—Are quiet, but quoted firm, with a small general supply in market.

SPICES—There is but little activity in this line, yet quotations are without variation.

SUGARS—Continue to favor factors, being in active request, while they are not very freely offered. The sales since our last exceed 1,600 hhds, mainly Cuba, at 8½c.@7c., but including some lots of other kinds, at proportionate prices, ₩ lb.

TALLOW—Sales of 9,000 lbs. prime were reported at old figures.

TEAS—The demand is fair, at full prices, in private trade. A public sale is announced for Wednesday, the 15th instant, by HOFFMAN & CO.

TOBACCO—Continues in good demand. Kentucky is firm. Seed Leaf somewhat stiffer, and Spanish Tobacco is advancing. The sales since Friday have embraced 150 bales Kentucky, at 6c.@11½c.; 314 bales Havana, at the $230c.; 82 bales Cuba fillings, on private terms; 42 bales Cuba, &c., and 173 cases Seed Leaf, at 7c.@15c. ₩ lb.

WHISKEY—We heard of sales of 500 bbls. Ohio and Prison at 40c.@41c. ₩ gallon.

FREIGHTS—There was rather more inquiry for shiproom, and the tendency of rates was slightly improved. For Liverpool the engagements included Cotton at 5-32d. @3-16d. ₩ lb., and Grain at 4½@4¾d. ₩ bushel; Flour was nominal at 1s. 6d. ₩ bbl. For London, the quotations were unaltered, and the shipments light. For Glasgow, some Breadstuffs were taken at old figures. For other ports, we heard of nothing really new.

Spirit of the Trade Circulars.

EDWARD BILLS'S FLOUR AND GRAIN CIRCULAR.

Per Atlantic.] NEW-YORK, Tuesday morning, Aug. 7.

In the interval since my report of the 24th of last month, *the downward tendency of the market for* Flour has been checked, and prices have advanced to the extent of 25c. ₩ bbl., under the effect of reduced supplies, hardly adequate to the wants of the trade, and to the continued reports of serious injury to the crop of (*partially gathered*) new Wheat in various sections of this and the neighboring States, from the excessive and unseasonable rains of the last fortnight. With so large a crop it does not seem probable that our present comparatively high prices can continue for any length of time, and particularly when the supplies are more free. The season, however, is backward and damp, preventing the millers from manufacturing early to advantage. For delivery in October, sales of superfine State brands of Flour have been made at $7, and superfine Ohio, for November, at $7 50, for a few thousand bbls.

From nearly all portions of the grain-growing districts the most favorable accounts

AUCTION SALES.

[illegible] Hudson River Central Railroad Co.] New-York, July 31, 1855.

[illegible] in accordance of a resolution [illegible] of the Hudson River Central Railroad Company, [illegible] ALBERT H. SIMONS, Auctioneer, [illegible] FRIDAY, the 31st day [illegible] Company, [illegible] the following [illegible] Company, [illegible] the name of [illegible] Company, [illegible] to make payment of all [illegible] called thereon, upon the requisitions of the Directors, [illegible] pursuant to the act incorporating said Company, [illegible] and fifty (2,450) shares held by Messrs. [illegible] and eighty-eight (188) shares held by N. S. [illegible] shares held by Joseph Geiger.

The sale will be for cash, and certificates will be issued to the purchasers accordingly. J. N. PERKINS, President Hudson River Central Railroad Co.

ALBERT H. SIMONS, Auctioneer.

[illegible] CONTINUATION [illegible] OF THE BALANCE OF THOSE SUPERB LIQUORS UNDER CUSTOM-HOUSE LOCK.—ALBERT H. SIMONS will sell at his chambers, on THURSDAY, Aug. 2, at 12 o'clock, at his chambers, No. 11 Broad-st, [illegible] of one of our first importing houses, [illegible] Pipes of Cognac, Hennessy, Martell, Otard, Dupuy & Co., Pellet Olivet, Bec Chatenay, Pedro Ximenes, Bual, Malmsey, Madeira, Sherry, Port, Teneriffe, Lisbon, Malaga, Claret, Champagne, Hock, Burgundy, Sauterne, and other celebrated Wines; Club, House, Old, Rotterdam Gin, Champagne of various brands; also, 40 Hogsheads Old Jamaica Rum, 10 do. do., all of which are to be sold in small packages, as imported and duty paid, and which are in Vault Custom-House Warehouse. The trade and others in search of such goods are respectfully invited to attend. Sale to be before internal tax remains. Terms, Cash. Sale will be positive, and without reserve. Catalogues will be ready on application at the Catalogue, warranted as represented. Samples ready for examination early this morning.

H. S. HERTS, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE.—E. SYGLES, 2d THE SHERIFF—[illegible] TUESDAY, (Aug. 3 at 10 o'clock, at store No. 2 Merchant-st, by SHERIFF HERTS, Jr., Auctioneer, [illegible] Tobacco, Cigars, Cordials, Brandies, Wines, Rum, Gin, Sugar, Olive oil, Rice, raisins, [illegible] Cordials, Brandies, Wines, Rum, Gin, Sugar, Olive oil, Rice, raisins, [illegible] Hot Drinks and

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NEW-YORK CITY.

Whig General Committee.

A meeting of the Whig General Committee was held at the Broadway House last evening. GEO. BRIGGS, (Congressman elect,) presided, in the absence of Gen. HALL, permanent Chairman.

On motion of Dr. IVES, it was determined, unanimously, to issue a call for the holding of the Whig primary elections on the 21st of August, between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock A. M., to chose delegates to the State, Judiciary, City, and County Conventions. The call was ordered to be published in the TIMES, Tribune and Express. The proceedings were harmonious—a disposition being evinced on all sides, to compromise minor differences and act in concert for the triumph of Whig principles.

Brevet Volunteers—Meeting at the Astor House.

Pursuant to a call published a few days since, a meeting of the surviving officers of the United States Army who participated in the war with Mexico, assembled at the Astor House last evening. Gen. WARD B. BURNETT presided, and Brevet-Major ANDRION FERNSWORTH acted as Secretary. Many of the regiments that served in Mexico were represented. It was, upon motion, decided to commemorate the anniversary of the occupation of the American Army into the city of Mexico by a dinner in this City, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. It was also, upon motion, decided to have another meeting previous to the 14th of September, the time to be hereafter designated by the Committee. From the spirit manifested last evening, and from the experience of several of those in attendance, we anticipate that the surviving officers of the Mexican campaign will have such a reunion as will be gratifying to all those concerned.

Meeting of Engineers and Foremen of the Fire Department.

A meeting of Engineers and Foremen of the Fire Department was held last evening at Metropolitan Institute, to take some decisive action on the proposed parade of the Department. Mr. CARSON, Chief Engineer, presided. Representatives of nearly all the Fire Companies were in attendance. By a vote of fifty-one to forty it was finally vetoed to recede from their former action and have no annual parade during the present year. A preliminary motion to consider the subject of the election of Engineers by districts, was lost.

The Epidemic.

This is the time of year that we expect dysentery. But instead of them we have a suicide epidemic. People should be careful not to fall into the change, nor encourage melancholy, nor tolerate the blues. Eschew all those things as you do green apples and unripe peaches. Strangers must be very careful to behave themselves while here, and not dissipate, lest next morning the Epidemic seize them, and they pitch into the sea, or blow out their brains.

Assault in a Broome-street Saloon.

At a very early hour yesterday morning, one HUGH O'BRIEN, alias DUFFERY, formerly a Policeman, assaulted and severely injured a young man named FRANCIS DUFFY, in VALENTINE & MATSWELL's saloon, in Broome street. DUFFY and O'BRIEN, according to our reporter's informant, were standing together near the bar, when, DUFFY's attention being attracted to the other end of the room, O'BRIEN gave him a blow on his face, which cut him badly and caused the blood to flow freely. There were several persons in the saloon at the time, some of whom would acknowledge having witnessed the occurrence, and a Policeman who was at the door, and was requested to arrest O'BRIEN, could not do it until he had rapped with his club for assistance, during which O'BRIEN escaped.

Fires.

The alarm of fire at 3½ o'clock yesterday afternoon was caused by a trifling fire in building No. 39 Commerce street.

A three-story frame building in Forty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this (Wednesday) morning.

New-York Common Council.

TWENTY-FIRST WARD.

	Dwellings.	Families.	Population.
First District	668	949	3,219
Second District	725	2,406	10,501
Third District	474	603	3,450
Fourth District	498	2,106	9,305
Total	2,365	6,065	29,475

☞ Alderman WAKEMAN reported last night for the Committee on the matter concerning the grading of Yorkville streets. The report is very long, but in the Alderman's proceedings will be found a digest of it. Read that, tax-payer, and inwardly ruminate "what we are coming to."

☞ Mayor WOOD is back again and at work, looking fresh and stronger for his sojourn at Saratoga. Would the Mayor be kind enough before the terrors begin to come in, to let us have that little list of Policemen, appointed while Judge STUART was on his back, sick?—the list that has the policy-dealers, et al, &c., in, which has never yet seen the light. Small favors in that line would be gratefully received.

☞ It was a sad sight to see the old blind beggarpoet last night, on a door step in Broadway, at 10 o'clock, playing a melancholy dirge—himself half asleep, and his poor child quite asleep, and fallen over on the sidewalk, with the box for pennies still stretched out in her hand.

☞ The Buffalo Commercial will please notice the report of another Farmers' Club meeting in our columns to-day. Now then, contemporary of ours, this is your cue for the next pitching in. And "remember that the eyes of the world are upon you."

☞ More of the Joseph Walker case yesterday in Connecticut. But they do not get her out of the mud yet, nor lift an inch those whose good names have gone along side of her.

☞ Judge HOFFMAN has rendered his decision in the Brevoort House furniture case.

☞ The liquor case before the Special Sessions, is adjourned one week.

Board of Correction.

Mr. President, D. D. COMFORT, Esq., in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

To have Thirty-fifth-street, from the Third to the Fifth avenues, paved; and crossing stones laid therein. Of the owner of No. 7 Franklin-street, to be paid for repairs to No 9, in that street. Of the Beer-Brewers' Association, asking for permission to station negro boys in the public streets. To repair pavement of Twenty-ninth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. To have Sixty-fifth-street opened. Of Hook and Ladder No. 3, and Engine Company No. 40, to have the roof of their house raised. For permission to build a drain in Thirteenth-street, to connect with a sewer. To reopen Forty-second, between Sixth and Troy streets. For a sewer in Monroe street, between Market and Catherine streets. For a pier at the foot of Fifty-second street, on the Hudson River. For the opening of Fifty-second street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues. For a sewer in Barrow-street, from Hudson to Washington-street. To have the lines of the Second avenue pavement repaired.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

To inquire into the truth of the rumors in relation to James Farry, Street Commissioner, having been paid $500 by Philip Fahey, a contractor for Fifty-first street, in relation to a plan for a sewer in said street. To inquire into the participation of a contract between Peter Connolly and the Street Commissioner, to flag the South side of Fifty-second, between Bowery and the Second Avenue. To direct the Corporation Council to discontinue all proceedings in the case of the Mayor, &c., vs. Wm. H. Ostrom. To discontinue proceedings in relation to opening sixth and seventh streets in Grand-street, from Jackson to East River. To inquire into the progress of the new reservoir for Croton water.

RESOLUTION LAID OVER.

To frame an ordinance for the better regulation of dealers in vegetables by retail.

REPORTS REFERRED.

From the usual Standing Committees were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

REPORT ADOPTED.

In relation to the inquiry into the affairs of the Institution of the Blind.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED.

To repair the pavement between the rails of the Second-avenue Railroad and the curbstones. To flag both sides of Eighth-avenue, from Thirtieth to Thirty-fifth-street. To fence vacant lots on Seventh avenue and Thirty-sixth street. In favor of erecting a bell-tower on Sixtieth-street, Fifth-avenue. To inquire why the house of Hook and Ladder No 13 is not in progress of erection. To flag vacant lots on Seventh-avenue and Thirty-sixth-street.

VETO OF THE DIAMOND REEF CONTRACT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Aug. 7, 1855.

To the Honorable the Board of Councilmen:

GENTLEMEN: I return without approval the resolution directing the Street Commissioner to award to Hunt of & Kroehl the contract for removing Diamond Reef.

In January last, the Common Council passed a resolution, with my concurrence, directing the Street Commissioner to advertise for contracts to blast Diamond Reef, and to report to them the bids; the object being, as I supposed, to ascertain about what the work would cost before deciding upon its execution.

The Street Commissioner proceeded accordingly to open bids, but by a strange mistake, worded his advertisement in such a manner as to leave it doubtful whether estimates were to be put in to blast the rock by the cubic yard, or in the gross for the whole quantity to be removed.

This error occurred by requiring bidders to state their "lowest terms," without declaring whether it was meant, the lowest terms for the entire rock, or the lowest terms per cubic yard. As could be foretold, estimators construed this advertisement differently; some bidding by the yard, and others by the gross. Thirteen bids were received—ten offering by the cubic yard, and three for the whole; Hunter & Kroehl being of the former. The Street Commissioner marked all the yard bidders as informal and irregular, declaring the lowest sum in gross as the lowest bidder, and consequently as entitled to the contract. This, if confirmed by the Common Council would have given the contract to Cornelius Smith, whose bid was $40,000, as the sum for which he would remove the rock.

It is unnecessary to inquire whether the Street Commissioner was right in rejecting any bids as informal, upon the ground of irregularity, for the Common Council appear to have taken from him all such discretion. He was directed to report the bids, and under that direction he was deprived of all control or supervision over them. He, therefore, duly reported every bid to the Common Council, who took them into consideration, called the bidders before its Committee, went into an examination of the whole matter, and adopted the resolution now before me for approval, directing the Street Commissioner to make a contract with Hunter & Kroehl, who had bid by the yard, but who subsequently altered their bid to make it in gross sum.

I do not think it necessary to go into any investigation as to who are the lowest bidders. The error in the form of the advertisement, and the consequent ignorance of the bidders, as to what was meant *by the lowest terms* by the Department, are sufficient grounds upon which to set aside any award made either by the Street Commissioner or the Common Council. There should be no ambiguity in the advertisements to receive proposals for doing Corporation work. If there were, the Charter which requires all work to be done by contract to be given to the lowest bidder, with adequate security, could be easily disregarded and rendered inoperative. An informally worded advertisement would exclude any bid. The object of public advertisements is to invite competition, but there can be no competition if impediments are thrown in the way of the unsuspicious and honest bidders.

Any friend of a head of a Department, who is acquainted with the intention of those who are to decide upon the regularity or irregularity of the estimates, would have great advantage, and could in all cases obtain the contract at his own price. Therefore it is obvious that an irregularity or uncertainty in so important a matter as this, is of itself sufficient to warrant a negative treatment, and should prevent my approval of any *award to any party bidding under it.*

In the present instance the greatest uncertainty existed in the minds of bidders, and in my opinion every bid put in was regular—none could be excluded—and the lowest bid for the gross, and the lowest bid for the cubic yard, were each "the lowest bid;"—an anomaly never before existing to my knowledge.

But there are other objections. The Common Council, by this proceeding, is virtually "doing executive business." It is awarding and making contracts. No other construction can be fairly put upon this transaction. It takes from the head of an Executive Department the power of deciding who is the lowest bidder (actually reversing his decision) in whom in my judgment the Charter and the 41 clause of 1849 expressly placed it. It is necessary to assert that the Legislature legally is left the power to make the award and to execute the contract—because he is deprived of all discretion in the premises, and is made the mere machine of the Common Council under whose executive direction he is forced to act. If the Legislative Department of the City Government can designate the parties by whom work shall be done, against the decision of an head of a Department, it can name the parties by whom supplies shall be furnished; and by a further stretch can ascertain and fix the price and order the money paid; all on the plea, that it is simply making an appropriation and confirming a contract.

As I have stated upon another occasion, the Government of this City, like all American Governments, is divided into the Legislative, the Executive and the Judicial. *The first can merely make laws—the second* executes and the last expounds them. With the Common Council of New-York all power beyond legislation is cut off entirely by the Amended Charter. It is left less of executive prerogative than any other legislative body in the country. The restriction is extremely stringent. The Legislature appears to have been jealous of the exercise of this authority by these bodies—creating a dangerous danger in the Executive than in the Legislative branches of our City Government. Whether there be less danger or not cannot be considered now—the only question to be now put is, whether for the Common Council to go in the transaction of other than strictly law-making business. My own views are *clear on this point; the limit is decided, and so long as* the power is placed in my hands I shall interpose every legal obstacle in the way of any transgression.

There are other points of objection appertaining more particularly to details to which it will be unnecessary to allude. *I do not see how we are to surmount* those already enumerated. If, however, you do not concur with me, permit me to suggest that before making any contract for this work, careful surveys be made by competent and honest engineers, and that the money to pay for it be placed in the tax bill, and either by be procured from the Legislature to raise it for this purpose. Very respectfully,

FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

Ordered to take the usual course.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday.

[Advertisement.]

☞ DURAND's invaluable Catarrh Snuff is now for sale in New-York City, by HEDEMAN, CLARK & Co. No. 166 Broadway; Jo. J. Coddington, No. 715 Broadway; C. ADAMSON, No. 608 Broadway; L. LEROY, No. 771 Broadway; H. TRIMMER, No. 29 White-hall-street; DELLUC & Co., No. 635 Broadway; JOHN MEAKIN, No. 497 Broadway; C. J. COOK, No. 41 Canal-street; S. R. SMITH, No. 48 Greenwich street; T. H. WAGSTAFF, No. 268 Greenwich-street; C. SMITH, No. 377 Greenwich-street. Buxes, with name and trade mark in full on each. Price 25 cents. At wholesale by STEPHEN PAUL & Co., No. 140 Chambers-street.

[Advertisement.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—A certain cure for Sick Headache and Disorders of the Stomach. Their virtue in such cases is known in all parts of the world. Those affected with Liver, Bowel Complaints, and Indigestion, cannot use too good a remedy. Sold at the Manufactories, No. 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and No. 244 Strand, London, and by all Druggists, at 25 cents, 62½, and $1 per box.

[Advertisement.]

☞ Great Auction Sale of fine old Wines, Brandies, &c., by ED. SCHENCK, No. 16 Wall-street, on Tuesday, August 9, at 10½ o'clock A. M. These liquors are warranted of the first quality, and will be sold genuine as imported, without reserve, including original packages and cases of Old Madeiras, Ports, Pale and Brown Sherries, Champagne, Cigars, Hungarian and Marsala, London Dock Brandies, &c.

[Advertisement.]

PURDY'S NATIONAL THEATRE.—This Theatre is now doing a beautiful business, night after night it is crowded to excess. The Local Drama of "Norman Leslie," has proved highly successful; the part of *Norman* by Mr. J. R. SCOTT is certainly a masterly piece of acting. To-night it will be repeated with the pantomime of the "Night Owl."

[Advertisement.]

☞ CARGILL's Patent Portable Self-adjusting Mosquito Bar will apply to any size or shaped bedstead without the slightest injury to it. It is cheap, simple and ornamental, and thousands can attest to its perfect security. Principal Depôt, No. 128 Fulton-street, up stairs.

LONG ISLAND.

Annual Meeting of the Kings County Board of Supervisors.

The annual meeting of this Board was held at the County Jail yesterday afternoon. On the motion of Supervisor DENIER, Supervisor BERGEN was called to the Chair. The first business being the election of officers, a ballot was taken for President, and resulted in the reelection of A. P. SPRATTON, Esq., of the Third Ward, he having received 12 of the 19 votes cast. It was made unanimous.

The President on taking the Chair, thanked the members for their confidence, when on motion of Supervisor BERGEN, Mr. A. H. OSBORNE, was reelected Clerk by a unanimous vote.

The old rules were adopted, the President empowered to appoint Standing Committees at the next meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and the regular business was taken up, commencing with

COMMUNICATIONS.

First came one from Dr THOMAS TURNER, Resident Physician at the County Hospital, with his annual statement for the year ending July 31, from which we make the following abstract:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital Aug. 1, '54	195	242	437
Admitted during the year	2,306	1,443	3,749
Total	2,501	1,685	4,186

Of this number there have been discharged:

Recovered	2,176	Unimproved	112
Improved	848	Died	409
Total			4,545
Remaining July 31			418

There were 442 more treated than during the previous year. The Report was filed.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Dr. E. S. BLANCHARD, Resident Physician, reports as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Patients July 31st	76	100	176
Admitted during the year	68	96	164
Total number treated	144	194	338
Discharged	46	65	111
Died	23	19	42
Total	69	84	153
Remaining July 31st	75	110	185

Ordered on file.

BROOKLYN CITY RAILROAD COMPANY.

A communication was presented from this Company, asking to be exempt from paying taxes against the Company on the Assessor's books, for the year 1855 except for Real Estate, and base their claim upon the following

STATEMENT.

Capital Stock paid in	$900,647 50
Assessed valuation of Real Estate	90,750 00
Balance	$862,897 50
Gross receipts for year ending July 1, 1855	$206,011 11

Expenses for the Annual Year.

Running—Feed, labor, &c., p'd	$23,865 39
Feed, labor, &c., unpaid	5,021 94
Salary of Superintendent	633 34
Contingent—Taxes, Insurance Office expenses, &c., paid	15,262 39
Stock Expense bill—Horses and mules item May 1 to July, in part paid	931,246 10
Less Received for horses sold	5,407 98—15,918 18—270,921 23
	$35,080 88

Referred to Committee on General Taxes.

GRAND JURORS.

The Supervisors were directed to present a list of Grand Jurors, at the next meeting of the Board, from their respective localities, as follows:

First Ward, 12; Second, 15; Third, 22; Fourth, 27; Fifth, 24; Sixth, 16; Seventh 13; Eighth, 6; Ninth, 8; Tenth, 23; Eleventh 27; Twelfth, 19; Thirteenth, 17; Fourteenth, 17; Fifteenth, 17; Sixteenth, 16; Seventeenth, 6; Eighteenth, 7; Flatbush, 4; Flatlands, 3; Gravesend, 2; New Lots, 4; New Utrecht, 3—294.

TAX ROLLS.

Supervisor BERGEN presented a communication from the County Clerk, announcing receipt of the Tax Rolls of Brooklyn. Accepted and referred.

Assessment rolls from County towns were also presented and referred.

MORE EXEMPTION FROM TAXES.

Supervisor CADWELL presented a petition from the Mechanics' Bank, of Williamsburgh, asking to be exempted from taxes. Referred to Committee on General Taxes.

DEFICIENCY.

A report was received from the County Treasurer showing the amount of deficiency in the County *Taxes of 1854 to be $192,896 00. It was laid on* the table to be referred to the Committee on General *Taxes when appointed, and the deficiency to* be placed in taxes of 1855.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE POOR IN KINGS COUNTY.

From the report for the year ending July 31, we gather the following particulars:

Whole number of persons relieved or supported	26,561
Temporarily relieved:	
In Brooklyn, W. D.	10,070
In Brooklyn, E. D.	7,004
County Towns	213
Total	19,897
Money expended for temporary relief:	
In Brooklyn, W. D.	$11,801 23
In Brooklyn, E. D.	10,200 65
County Towns	268 99
For the general support of the Poor	262,080 24
Total amount expended for the Poor	$282,317 36
There is a balance on hand of	2,179 50

Receipts.

Balance on hand, August 1, 1854	$22,694 51
From drafts on County Treasurer	172,041 90
From Commissioners of Emigration	12,698 21
From Board of Lunacies	1,270 75
From Putative Fathers of Bastards	200 00
From produce sold	732 17
Found in pockets of deceased persons	76 28
For empty boxes, barrels, &c.	206 56
For board of Small-pox patients	48 00
For Stock sold	74 91
Interest from Williamsburg Savings Bank	608 00
On account of Temporary Relief	15,000 00
Total	$227,300 36
Estimated value of Poor labor	$1,500
Estimated amount saved in consequence of their labor	1,500

*$67,750 51 was expended for the support of Pa*tients in Hospital and Small-pox House, which *divided by the average number of patients in those* buildings during the year, gives $143 85 or $2 76 *per week as the actual cost of each patient.*

The amount applicable to the support of the Poor, divided by the average pay of the paupers kept in the Almshouse, Lunatic Asylum and Nursery buildings, *gives $73 72 per annum or $1 40* per week as the actual cost of each.

The cost of land and the erections thereon, was originally, $232,000

Estimated value now	400,000
Whole number of paupers in the Almshouse, Hospital, Nursery and Asylum, on the 31st of July, 1854, was	1,156
Admitted during the year	6,276
Born in the Almshouse	122
Total	7,554
Discharged during the year	1,554
Died, 41; bound out, 5	46
Out on trial	31—6,151
Remaining, July 31, 1855	1,533

Of these there were—

Males over the age of 16	564
Males under the age of 16	223
Females over the age of 16	597
Females under the age of 16	137
Colored males	1
Colored females	4
Colored children	7
Total	1,533
Of these there were—	
Foreigners	921
Lunatics	185

ESTIMATES FOR 1856.

Total amount necessary	$306,108 10

The appropriation of $25,000 it is supposed will liquidate all outstanding claims.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

The following accounts were audited by the Supervisors during the past year:

Expenses of Courts	$12,867 02	Printing	918 79
Police	3,921 46	County Clerk and Register	5,210 57
Jail	26,852 69	Miscellaneous	12,907 52
Penitentiary	11,347 26	Supervisors	4,820 17
Military Suppressing Riots	3,842 97	Surrogate	2,006 66
Lunatic Asylum	46,006 06	Coroners	4,221 01
Almshouse	8,453 20	Total	$139,698 75

A large amount of other business was transacted by the Supervisors, but of no general interest. They adjourned for one week.

☞ Only sixteen intoxicated persons were arrested by the Police in Brooklyn, yesterday.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Jersey City Common Council and the Case of Corruption.

The Common Council held a regular meeting at the Lyceum last evening; nearly all the members present. No business of any particular importance was transacted. A large number of citizens were present, doubtless attracted by the expectation of hearing a report from the Investigating Committee with reference to the recent Aldermanic bribery affair; but they were disappointed. The Committee had no report to make. There are no further developments than those already published, although *we understand* that the Committee are prosecuting the matter with vigor.

The Jersey City Coodlecrazies.

This Company went on their annual excursion yesterday to Fort Lee. They were accompanied by about 1,000 guests, and the occasion was a pleasant one, both in a social and pecuniary point of view.

Liquor Trade.

There were twenty-one selling liquor without license before the Alexander yesterday. FELIX GORDON was convicted of the first offence, and fined $10. T. DEEGAN was discharged, the case not being proved.

MARRIED.

In this City, at the Sailors' at M. E. Church, on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 7, by Rev. W. H. De Pre, JOHN PELLE to MARGARETTA, eldest daughter of Hoeber P. LEGG, of this City.

DIED.

In this City, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, ALBERT L. SMITH, Jr., son of Albert L. and Ed. on E. Smith, aged 3 years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, with no further invitation, from the residence of his parents, No 22 Washington place, this day, (Wednesday,) at 3½ o'clock P. M.

In this City, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, CHARLOTTE, wife of Robert B. Weeks, aged 32 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 5 o'clock P. M., at her late residence, No 52 Christopher-st.

In this City, on Monday, Aug. 6, GRACE, wife of the late William Sampson, Esq., counsellor-at-law, in the 81st year of her age.

Her funeral will take place from Transfiguration Church, East 29th st., near 5th av., this forenoon, (Wednesday,) at 10 o'clock. Her remains will be taken to Hoboken for interment. Her friends, and those of her family, are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

In Brooklyn, on Saturday, Aug. 4, JOSEPH MILNOR, of Sheffield, Eng., aged 32 years. His remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, JOHN, youngest son of Hamilton and Charlotte Bowne, aged 3 years.

The friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father, No 89 Sackett-st., on Wednesday, 9½ inst., at 11 o'clock.

In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, CHARLES HARMAN, aged 18 months, youngest son of Rev. Horace and Elizabeth C. Hills, of Detroit.

Funeral to-morrow, (Thursday,) at 3 o'clock A. M., from the residence of his grandfather, E. F. Roberts, No. 2 Washington place. Friends of the families are respectfully invited to attend.

In Williamsburg, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, JOHN HENRY, infant son of Ralph W. and Julia Kenyon, aged 1 year, 6 months and 26 days.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further invitation, from No. 93 Alexander-st., on Thursday, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

☞ Albany papers please copy.

At Stapleton, Staten Island, on Tuesday, Aug. 7, suddenly, Mrs. MARY ANN, wife of C. Bartlett, Esq.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her residence, on Thursday, Aug. 9, at 4 o'clock, P. M., at the house of Mrs. Griffin, Tompkinsville, Stapleton, opposite Dutch Reformed Church, Stapleton.

On Staten Island, Tuesday, Aug. 7, of cholera infantum, HENRY EDWARD HEISE, only child of H. E. and Mary Moring, born July 4, 1855.

In Barnegat Bay, on Friday, Aug. 3, by drowning, EDWARD ERWIN GRAHAM, of Sparta, N. J., aged 25 years, son of Charles M. Graham, of Madison, N. J., and grandson of the late Dr. C. M. Graham, of this City.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets See Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange.....AUGUST 7.

$6,000 Tennessee 6s '92	86½	5 Hone in Co	94
14,000 Indiana State 5s	86½	100 Gasconade Gold Mine	1
1,000 Ky. guaranteed	90	200 N. Y. Cent. R. R.	90
75,000 Missouri 6s	87	50 do	90
10,000 do	86½	100 do	90
15,000 do	86½	50 Erie Railroad	89½
10,000 Long Island 6s	92	50 do	89½
1,000 California 7s	96	100 do	89½
76,000 Hav. Bdg. Mtg. Bds.	91	100 do	89½
11,000 Erie Court Bds '71	86½	100 do	89½
2,000 Erie Bds of '83	88	200 do	89½
1,000 do	88	200 do	89½
7,000 Erie Bds of '75	81	100 do	89½
$6 H. & St Mtg Bds	101	100 Harlem Railroad	19
6,000 H. & St. 2d Mtg Bds	70	1000 Reading Railroad	94
1,000 do	70	200 do	94
10,000 Ill C. R.R. Bds	88	100 do	94
10,000 do	87½	100 do	94
10,000 do	87½	100 do	94
10,000 Ill. Prairie Bds	80	200 do	94
14,000 N. Y. C. R. R. Bds	71	50 do	94
500 Cl. & Pitts div. bds	70	100 do	94
119 Penn Coal Co	102	50 do	94
do do	102½	100 Mich. Cent'l R. R.	89
10 Bank State N. Y.	98	50 do	89
10 Bank of Commerce	110	50 Mich S & N In RR.	102½
8 Bank of N. America	118	100 do	102½
26 Metropolitan Bank	109	50 do	102½
90 Corn Ex. Bank	101½	10 Mich S & N. Ind Con	98
5 Clev. & Pitts. Canal Co	120	110 Panama Railroad	137
1000 Nic. Transit Co	19½	10 Ills. Cent. R. R.	86
100 do	19½	100 do	86
200 do	20	200 Cleve. Pitts R. R.	75
100 do	20	111 Galena & Chi. R. R.	111
50 Cumb. Coal Co	20	100 do	112
50 do	20	100 Clev. & Toledo R. R.	22½
200 do	20	10 do	22
200 do	20	50 Chi. & R. Island R. R.	94
200 do	20	100 do	94
100 do	20	13 Wis. Lake Shore R. R.	87

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000 Erie Bonds of '75	81	St. Clair. & Pitts. R.	69½
4,000 Ill. Cen. R. R.	89	100 do	69
2,000 do	87½	50 Chi. & R. Isl. R. R.	94½
500 New York Cen. 7s	104½	50 do	94½
1,000 Harlem 2d M. Bds	75	50 Reading Railroad	94
12 Bank of Commerce	110	200 do	94
15 Corn Exchange Bank	101½	200 do	94½
50 Canton Company	27	100 do	94½
200 do	27	200 do	94
200 Nicaragua Trans. Co.	19½	200 do	94½
100 do	19½	175 Ill Central R. R.	87
100 do	19½	500 Cleve. & Tol. R. R.	22½
100 Cumber. Coal Co	20½	25 Galena & Chic. R. R.	112
200 do	20	25 do do & Nor. I. R. R.	106
400 do	20½	25 Mich South & Nor Ind's Construction	98½
100 do	20½		
25 Mich. Central R. R.	89½		

TUESDAY, Aug. 7—P. M.

The easier rates of Foreign Exchange and the very moderate engagements of Specie for the steamer *Atlantic*, sailing to-morrow, caused a further advance in a good portion of the Stock List this afternoon, and a general feeling of firmness at the close of business. The Western Road and Anthracite Coal Shares were the favorites. Among the former, Galena sold as dear as 112; Rock Island 98½@99; Southern Michigan 104, and Cleveland and Pittsburg 76. Of the latter, *there were large sales of Reading, opening at 94,* and selling up to 94¾, and a demand for Pennsylvania *Coal at 104½, dividend off. The Nicaragua* Transit Shares advanced to 20, at which sales were made this afternoon. The transactions on the *Bond list amounted to $235,000,* which sum is below the daily average of the week; though *prices were well supported. Eries of 1853 touched* 99 ⅌ cent.

The Bank Statement, published this morning, though exhibiting a line of Discounts over one *hundred millions of dollars*—a point considered somewhat hazardous a month or so ago—had no perceptible influence on the Money Market. The unusually heavy amount of Deposits held by the Banks, exceeding by seven millions the sum on deposit this time last year, or fourteen millions if the temporary Mexican Government deposit be thrown out, together with the strong Specie reserve, is claimed to justify them in the enlarged line of Loans. At the same time, it must be confessed, that the increase of late has undoubtedly been rapid for mid Summer. We quote interest on temporary loans 6 ⅌ cent, and discounts at 6@7 ⅌ cent. Bills on London were done at 109¾@109¾@110, much of the business in Bankers' names at the middle figure. France were firm at 112½. The entries of Specie for shipment by the steamer, at present fall short of half a million.

The Money Circulars prepared for Europe by the present opportunity, and the sales of the day at the Brokers' Board, afford the following quotations for the leading State and Miscellaneous Stocks and Bonds dealt in on the other side:

U. States 6s of 1867-8	118	Memphis 6s	72½
New-York 6s of 1873	119½	St. Louis County 6s	83½
New-York 6s of 1873	120	Sacramento City 10s	96
Ohio 6s of 1860	105½	New-York Central 7s	102½
Ohio 6s of 1875	112	New-York Central 6s	91
Pennsylvania 5s, old	89	N. Y. Central Shares	99½
Pennsylvania Coupons	93	Erie 7s, 1883	99
Kentucky 6s	100	Erie 7s, 1875	91
Virginia 6s	99½	Erie Shares	99½
Tennessee 6s	90½	Panama Shares	107
Louisiana 6s	90½	*Hudson 1st Mort*	101
Missouri 6s	95½	Hudson Convert	77½
North Carolina 6s	99	Illinois Central 7s	87½
Georgia 6s	99	Illinois Free Lands	94
California 7s	86½	Illinois Shares	97½
Indiana 5s	86½	Reading Shares	94½
New-York City 5s, long	100	Cleve. & Columbus	106½
Philadelphia 6s	93½	Galena	112
Cincinnati 6s	96	Rock Island	99
Baltimore 6s	99½	Dayton	85
St. Louis 6s	90	Toledo	93½
New-Orleans R. R. 6s	90	Alton 1st Mort	93
New-Orleans 6s, res	91	Alton 6s, 2d Mort	84½
Pittsburg 6s	92	Mich. South Shares	104
San Francisco 10s	100	*Michigan Central*	92½
Chicago 6s	92½	Ohio Trust ex div	90½
Detroit 7s	103	Delaware & Hudson	130
Cleveland 7s	103½	Pennsylvania Coal	104

The Great Western Insurance Company, mutual marine, about being organized in this City, entreaties, among its first list of Trustees, many of the very best mercantile and banking names in New-York. The books of subscription are to open on the 15th inst., at the Banking House of DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., and the subscribed or guaranteed Capital Stock to begin with is to be half a million of dollars. An experienced marine underwriter, it is understood, will be placed at the head of the concern. *See advertisement.*

The earnings of the Chicago and Burlington line of Railroads for July, 1855, were as follows:

For Freight	$88,651 07
For passengers	35,431 19
For Mail	1,266 73
Total	$125,417 99

Apportioned as follows, viz:

Galena and Chicago Union	$22,699 43
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	63,344 27
Central Military Track	30,639 72
Peoria and Oquawka	7,554 56
Total	$125,417 99

The Harlem River Railroad Company:

Receipts for July 1855 were	$119,424 96
Against July, 1854	135,153 39
Decrease	$15,658 41

The Sub-Treasury paid to-day $183,093; received, $217,340; and held at the close a balance of $3,244,848.

Money Circular for the Continent.

Translation.) NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1855.

The activity and rise in our Stock market, noticed at the close of our advices of 30th July, have received a fresh impulse by the news of the Liverpool steamer of 21st July. Considerable orders have again been received by her, and during two or three days have contributed to a very large business being done at a general advance in price. This rise, in several cases, has been very large. United States 6's of 1867 and '68, are offered at a decline, with but little demand. Some Ohio 6's, 1860 and 70, have been done without alteration from our previous quotations. With considerable business the following State Stocks have risen: Indiana 5's, 1; Louisiana 6's, 1; Virginia 6's, 1½, and Missouri 6's, ½ ⅌ cent. Transactions in City and County Bonds continue to be of minor importance, and with no marked fluctuations in prices. Upon the receipt of London quotations a lively demand sprung up for Illinois Central Construction Bonds, with rise of 5; for Freeland Bonds at an advance of 2½, and in Michigan Central 8's, of 1860 and '62, at an advance of 2½@3 ⅌ cent. We quote a rise of 1½ on Erie 7's of 1883, of 1 on the 1871, and of 1 on the 7's of 1875, the latter with considerable sales. The two last named are quoted ex interest to 31st of July. Some Galena and Chicago 1st and 2d Mortgage have changed hands—the former at 1 ⅌ cent. advance. We notice a rise of 1@2 ⅌ cent. in Milwaukee and Mississippi 1st Mortgage on 1st, 2d, and 3d sections. The latter have been the object of purchases of some importance, partly for English account. The rise on Railroad shares has been without exception, and quite important on several.

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